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Albany moves to protect nestegg

Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — In an effort to protect the city's future nest egg, the City Council is trying to keep the nest out of the local hen house when it comes to proposed gaming laws.

At the suggestion of the League of California Cities, the council approved a resolution May 1, to be sent to state legislators, that supports a proposed statewide gaming commission, but also calls for maintaining local control over gaming revenue, and related law enforcement. The council's resolution does express support, however, for the league's suggestion that cities work with neighboring communities on cardroom proposals.

With a cardroom approved for Golden Gate Fields on the Albany waterfront and estimated to generate as much as \$9 million per year in revenue, any change in state gaming legislation could have a big impact on Albany.

Numerous bills dealing with gaming have been introduced to the California State legislature. Many propose creating a statewide gaming commission under the Department of Justice, that would perform background checks and audit for cardrooms, said Bill Jones, Legislative Representative for the League of California Cities. Cardroom operators would seek approval from both the city and the state under the proposed bill, he said.

A share of cardroom revenues would go to the gaming commission.

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City officials shift gears for Bike to Work Day



Bike-to-work day didn't offer much of a new experience to Councilmember Bruce Mast, except that he had more company than usual. Mast, who doesn't own a car, walks to work on Solano Avenue and bikes to do errands, he said.

On Bay Area Bike-to-Work Day last Thursday, up to 150 Albany residents turned in pledge cards to bike to the office and many more were out cycling during the commute hour, said Mast.

Three pit stops around town provided breakfast for bike commuters, as well as free water bottles and tire patch kits.

Solano Avenue Cyclery sponsored a stop with the Berkeley Bakery. Further down Solano Avenue, at the corner of Kains Avenue, bikers could pick up pastries from Grace Baking at a pit-stop co-sponsored by the YMCA. And in University Village Semifreddi's Bakery and the Cafe Crayon provided refreshments.

Next year the organizers will plan a pit stop near the heavily-used bike path under the BART tracks, said Mast.

Mayor Mike Brodsky, City Administrator Daren Fields, School board member Ed McManus, Sgt. Richard Haugner, Officer Kevin Horn and Councilmember Mast made the rounds of the pit stops Thursday morning, by bike. Along the way they ran into Councilmember Thelma Rubin, on her way to downtown Oakland — by bike, of course.



Mayor Mike Brodsky, Councilmember Bruce Mast, School Boardmember Ed McManus and Councilmember Thelma Rubin compare bike routes (top, from left to right).

Building fees increase set

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Building permit fees will increase significantly next year. While the city council has general discretion in recovering costs for city services, fees for building permits are set by an outside source.

"Building fees are going up," administrative services manager Jim Randall told the council at its May 1 meeting. "Virtually all the surrounding jurisdictions are doing the same thing. The fees are set by the Uniform Building Code."

At the meeting, the city council approved a revision of the master fee schedule for services effective July 1. Changes in fees were made to recover the cost of service "where feasible and appropriate." The current council has often discussed its desire to find a balance between providing needed services at a reasonable fee and recovering the costs of such services to the city.

It's the same issue the staff and board of the Inter-

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Plaza owner challenges city comments

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Milton Bilak, owner of a portion of El Cerrito Plaza, has challenged some of the comments made about him and his approach to Plaza ownership by some members of the El Cerrito city council. Since Bilak, who is a southern California resident, does not wish to comment directly on such issues, he responded through consultant Jim Gortikov to comments that challenged his interest in the El Cerrito community.

For some time, some members of the community have expressed frustration at the condition of El Cerrito Plaza, which is co-owned by Bilak, the Emporium, Long's Drugs and R&P Automotive. Bilak took over the portion of the plaza about three years ago, including Lucky, the small shops and a section of the parking lot.

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EC supports EBMUD in upcoming legal battle

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — EBMUD board member Mary Selkirk wants to fight an appeal sought by Contra Costa County to overturn a superior court decision favoring the water district and she's in the minority among members in that desire, but she has the support of the El Cerrito City Council.

El Cerrito had supported EBMUD in its original lawsuit against Contra Costa County. The county approved the environmental impact report for the 11,000-acre Doughtery Valley development (east of San Ramon) but was won by EBMUD which said that it would not supply water for the project.

EBMUD won that suit. In Selkirk's words, the superior court ruled that "if you want to build, you must have an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) that addresses water supply."

Selkirk said the majority of the board is willing to settle with the county in lieu of going through the legal process. The legal proceedings have been delayed in order that a negotiated settlement might be pursued. There are two reasons in particular Selkirk wishes to move

ahead with the suit.

"First," she said, "I think we'd win.... These kinds of cases in the vast number are upheld at the appellate level."

In the second place, said Selkirk, winning such a case at the appellate level "becomes precedent-setting in California," an end she believes will have critical import in influencing the relationship between water supply and increasing development.

Despite the heavy winter rains, she said, "we are fast moving into a period of serious water shortage in the state of California. Water planning is...absolutely essential to the health of the California economy."

Mayor Norman La Force was directed by the council to write a letter to the president of the EBMUD board indicating the council's "concerns with the action" the board is taking.

"I'd like to (add) some strength to this," said council member Jane Bartke. "It's something we've supported all along."

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Hipsters take to Albany's Ivy Room

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — The San Pablo Avenue bar scene is a staple for coming-of-age young people and neighborhood regulars across city boundaries. But while a stop by the Hotsy Totsy, the Albatross and Club Mallard complete the East Bay circuit for many birthday boys and girls, only the Ivy Room consistently caters to both the young and the young at heart.

Perhaps it has something to do with a wrinkle in musical time: the new rockabilly, trailer-park stomp and pop-punk scenes appeal to a wide audience and makes coexistence between hip out-of-towners and more stationary (but perhaps no less hip) neighborhood types a reality.

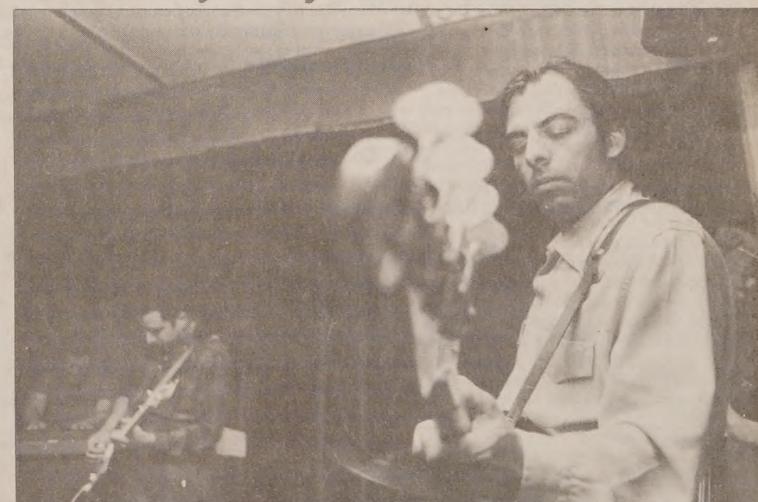
Then again, it's also one of the only places to see new music for free.

Regardless of the incentive, Bill MacBeath has created an environment that pleases both their longtime regulars and the new hipsters who consider the Ivy Room "the only place to go in the East Bay."

And after checking out the scene, you get the feeling owner of the Ivy know exactly what they are doing.

MacBeath's mother, Dot, a demure blonde with a penchant for Winstons and a wary consideration of the media, bought up the Ivy three years ago after her lease for the Office, down the way on San Pablo, ran out.

When the two moved to the Ivy located at the end of Solano Avenue, the regulars had only to drive a half block farther. One



The Swinging Johnsons are one of a number of cutting edge bands to play at the Ivy Room.

young regular, Lary Danoron, developed such a great rapport with the family he is now the regular Ivy Room bartender.

With only the kindest and most glowing praise to heap upon his bosses, Lary works a five-day a week day shift which lets him off, he says, conveniently, right when the music starts.

With a scruffy goatee and his sandy blonde hair held back by a bandana, Lary can't decide which group of clientele he likes better.

Bill, himself a musician in San Francisco, began booking bands when Dot got a hold of the Ivy venue — a venerable mansion compared to the Office, but what is really a thin slice of real estate on a

relatively cheap block.

Bill says he lives "fretboard to mouth" like many other musicians, but that same starving artist community has also provided him with the connections to hook some of the best live acts around, even if the venue happens to be in Albany.

Yet the retro-1940s spot, complete with neon sign reflecting off the shops across the street and wood-martini cut shape on the door, works. It combines comfortably cushioned bar stools and sturdy tables with the one truly hip bar counter. The building is separated into two rooms that are joined by the U-shaped bar and patrons can choose between the pool-table side and the band stage area.

Even better, nearly every bar stool affords the sitter a panoramic view of both sights.

The dark-haired guitarist says he started booking country music and says it took about two years to get the regulars "softened up" to the music he now books, a sort of music education 100... or perhaps just the steady onslaught of modern tunes.

In addition, Bill has compiled one amazing jukebox collection and says proudly of the expansive range of country and contemporary, "Those are all my records in there."

Bill hooked up early on with the "KALX connection," a core

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■ Remembering When

By William Paul

Evolutionary quirks in the telephone system

It was established in previous articles that I have been lucky to have my life span (so far) encompass some very important changes - the horseless carriage, the flying machine, the wireless telegraph, to name a few. Let's not forget the telephone.

Back around 1915, when I was first allowed to call some of my colleagues to make a date to play something or other, I didn't twist a dial - I picked up the receiver to get dead silence until a (usually) female voice said, "Number, please." To that I would say, "Berkeley 2026," the number of one of my pals.

All numbers in Berkeley were in one exchange with either three or four digits, then when they ran out of available lines, some people were obliged to share their lines (called party lines), so they added either a W or a J to the number.

A good many times when a party line was called, it rang in both the W and J sides, so both people answered, causing problems and unpleasantness.

The girl who said "Number, please" had a very limited vocabulary. She was allowed to say that, and probably "Thank you," "One moment, please," "That line is busy," and almost nothing else. Unless you called the number, if you said anything else, you got the "One moment, please" treatment, and came a supervisor to handle the situation.

So much for local calls. If

you were calling a friend outside of Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, or Emeryville or San Francisco, you asked for "Long Distance." Long Distance started at about San Leandro on the south, Pinole on the north, and Walnut Creek on the east. Well, after all, there was about 10 miles of farmland between Oakland and San Leandro and another 10 miles of same to Hayward.

Some 20 years later I became aware of the fact that to work for the telephone company was to be pretty well set for life - you'd never get rich, but you'd never starve to death either.

And, believe me, that was an important item during the depression then in place.

One of my good friends who signed with them told me this story. During the late 1920s the phone company changed over from manual to dial calling. Part of the switch-over included sending company employees out to subscribers to make sure they knew how to work the dial system. They ran into some real doozies.

One man spent half an hour explaining to a woman how to use the dial, and after making sure he had converted her, asked, "Now ... do you have any more questions?"

"No," says she. "Well ... just one."

"What is it?"

"Now when I want to call my friend Sally Smith, do I dial her whole name or just her initials?"

But the amazing thing about working for the telephone company was the esprit de corps they instilled into their employees.

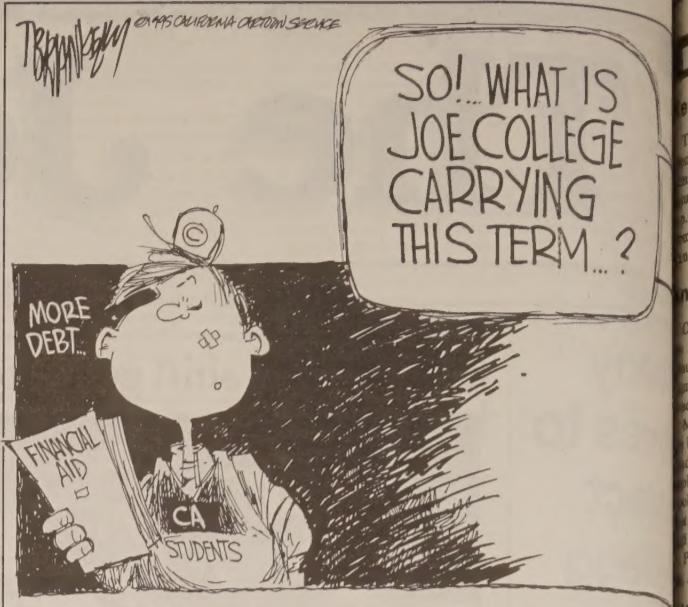
One of my next-door neighbors, some years back, who had worked for the company for many years, and even though retired couldn't talk about much of anything else, told me that he felt that the growth of the telephone company was a parallel of the growth of the Christian religion - first there was the conception, then the development, then the convincing.

Wasn't it Chesterfield cigarettes who coined the slogan back in the '30s, "Such popularity must be deserved?" I'm not sure - I haven't had a cigarette for over 30 years. But I think that takes the cake for company loyalty.

Ask someone who lived in San Francisco's Chinatown in the early days about their own Chinatown Exchange - how the Number Please girls had to know how to handle calls. Their subscribers weren't about to fiddle with American numbers - they simply said - in Chinese - get me my friend so and so.

And, by golly, they would. They knew how to reach everyone by name in the exchange - had to.

One wonders if, when they retired, they remarked about the similarity of the development of the company running parallel to the history of Confucianism. One can only speculate.



■ Police Reports

Juveniles rob Albany woman at gunpoint

By K. Osborn

more time before the attacker fled.

ALBANY — At about 11 a.m. on May 6, while a woman was opening her garage door on the 1000 block of Washington Avenue, she was approached by three juveniles who demanded her money. One of the boys produced a silver-colored handgun and placed it at her neck while the other two boys stole her purse from inside her car. All three then fled on foot. The thieves were described as 16 year old males wearing dark baggy clothes. One was described as black and the other two as Hispanic or black. Police are investigating.

At about 12:20 a.m. on May 2 Albany officers stopped a Berkeley man for a traffic violation and found he had a warrant from San Francisco in the amount of \$10,000. He was transported to the Albany station and booked.

An 18-year-old Vallejo man was walking north on Cannel Avenue then west onto Portland Avenue at about 6 p.m. on May 2 when he was approached by a man he described as Hispanic, in his 20s, wearing a red flannel shirt and black jeans, who demanded money. The Vallejo man stated he didn't have any money and the man hit him in the head with his fist causing him to fall to the ground. He was hit at least one

time before the attacker fled.

Officers observed a transient man driving very erratically going south on San Pablo Avenue then east on Marin Avenue at about 11 a.m. on May 3. He was stopped and found to be highly intoxicated and was arrested. His breath test was .32/.34. He was also found to have three warrants from Berkeley. His car was towed.

At about 7 p.m. on May 3 a Richmond woman was stopped for a traffic violation and was found to have an outstanding warrant from BART police in the amount of \$1,500. She was booked, cited and released.

At about 1 p.m. on May 4, while traveling south on Talbot Avenue, just past Solano Avenue, Albany officers observed a 14-year-old Richmond boy stooping next to a bicycle in the bike rack at Cornell School. When the boy saw the officers he threw something to the ground and walked away. Officers detained him and discovered the thrown object to be bolt cutters. They also found fresh cut marks on a lock to one of the bikes. The boy was arrested, transported to the Albany station and released to his guardian with a notice to appear.

At about 12:45 p.m. on May 4 a 17-year-old Albany boy was reportedly attacked by two 17 year

old boys, one from Albany, one from Berkeley, who followed him to the ground and hit and kicked him. The boys, near the rear courtyard of Albany High School, were identified and investigating.

At about 9 p.m. on May 4 a year-old Albany woman was approaching her for spare change. She said she had none left and made racial remarks, pushed her and walked away cursing her. He was described as black male, 23 to 25 years old, 7-inches tall, weighing 160 pounds with a short mustache, clean shaven, wearing a black sweater and dark pants. He was carrying a cloth bag over his shoulder and was investigating.

On the afternoon of May 4 vandals smashed the rear window of a 1990 Dodge Caravan parked in the driveway of a block of Ventura Street. There were no witnesses.

During the week of May 4 Albany officers responded to the request of people at their request, responded to 13 incidents and assisted six people locked out of their house.

EC police hold men wanted in rape case

By Dawn Frasier

mond woman at about 5:56 p.m. April 28 in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue.

EL CERRITO — Two Oakland men wanted in connection with an Emeryville rape were detained by El Cerrito officers at 1:30 at Cutting April 27 at 3:17 a.m.

An Oakland man is in custody in connection with the robbery of Coast Federal Bank May 2 between 3 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

An El Cerrito male juvenile was arrested in connection with a trash fire at 7-Eleven at 8:22 p.m. April 24; the boy had run from the scene.

An arson trash fire had also been set in the dumpster at 7-Eleven at about 9:11 p.m. April 11.

A vehicle was set on fire at Moeser Lane and Seaview at 7 a.m. April 24. The vehicle was an unreported stolen 1990 Ford Mustang.

Three male juveniles from Richmond were arrested in connection with a strong arm robbery on the BART path at Waldo Lane. Three juvenile victims were approached by the suspects who demanded a watch and cash (\$4.25). The incident occurred at 4:40 p.m. May 1.

Seven juveniles are accused of simulating a weapon at the back of an El Cerrito resident, then demanding cash. Six were arrested; they are residents of Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito. One boy was unidentified; one boy and five girls were arrested. The incident occurred on the sidewalk in the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue at 11:17 p.m. April 25. No loss was reported.

A Richmond man was arrested for battery after slapping a Rich-

mond woman at about 5:56 p.m. April 28 in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Property thefts from

were reported at Gill and San Pablo Avenue on the evening of April 25 (a stereo was taken at 9:30 p.m.) and Potrero between 9:20 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on April 25 (a television was taken at 9:30 a.m.).

Someone forced open a bedroom window in the 300 block of Carmel Avenue during the daytime April 21, then took a bicycle and musical instruments from the residence.

Six rolls of paper towels were stolen from a storeroom in the 6500 block of Donal Avenue during the night of May 2.

An El Cerrito man is suspected of taking items from a home in the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue over a month's time between February 9 and March 2.

Someone took three coolers with beer and a case of champagne from a residential porch in the 6500 block of Potrero Avenue during the night of April 21.

Someone shot a pellet or similar item through a bedroom window in the 5200 block of Gordon Avenue at 6:40 p.m. April 28.

Volkswagens were the target for car thefts. A Richmond man was arrested by the Richmond P.D. in connection with the theft of a 1987 Volkswagen Jetta from Honda of El Cerrito between April 23 and 29 (CD player, radio, cassette deck).

An El Cerrito man was arrested after a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Stockton Avenue at 3:30 a.m. April 19.

A Richmond man was arrested for driving under the influence in the 2000 block of Stockton Avenue at 3:30 a.m. April 19.

Shoplifters were

FoodsCo (an Oakland grocery store) at Target (a Richmond grocery store) at 10:30 p.m. on April 25.

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The annual Spring Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library, will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Sunday, May 14, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., in the Kensington Community Center.

Annual Friends of Albany Library book sale

On May 20 and 21 the Friends of Albany Library will hold its annual book sale at the Library/Community Center on Marin Avenue.

More than ever, books of all kinds are being donated for the sale, including rare books, children's books in many languages, books of general interest and books that are specialized. Music, cassettes and videos will also be on sale. Prices will begin at 25 cents and go as low as this two day sale,

Wine and food tasting

The fourth annual Albany YMCA Wine & Food Tasting and Auction will be held this Saturday, May 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the YMCA, 921 Kains Ave.

The event will feature a variety of premium California wines and summer food from popular eateries including Britt Marie, Lalime's, Cafe De Paz, Da Nang, Mangia Mangia,

Democrats to meet

The next regular meeting of the Cerrito Democratic Club will be held on May 23 at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury

Celebrating roses

The Heritage Roses Group will hold its annual Celebration of Old Roses on May 21 from 11 a.m. to

above the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.

Take AC Transit bus #7 northbound from downtown Berkeley.

Admission is free.

Call 524-3043 for information.

Albany book sale

on the afternoon of Sunday, May 21 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., the books remaining will be sold by the bag, at \$2 per bag.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m. on both days.

The Library is at 1247 Marin Avenue.

Citizens who would like to help out at the sale are welcome to call or stop by the Library to sign up for a 2-3 hour shift for May 19, 20, or 21. (536-3720 press 5 for the reference desk)

Made to Order, Grace Baking, Royal Cafe, FatApple's, Semifreddis, Starbucks, Peet's Coffee and Tea, and Toots Sweets. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Childcare is available at Cornell School Kid's Club for \$4. Preregistration is advised.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Albany YMCA youth and adult programs.

Ave., across from El Cerrito High School, at 7:30 p.m.

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Solano Ave. bookstore forced to close

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY—Solano Avenue bid farewell to one of its longtime retailers recently when Bob Hawley of the Ross Valley Book Company vacated his location of 17 years to make way for a new restaurant.

Hawley, who had been operating his store at 1407 Solano Ave. on a month-to-month lease, says what happened to him is part of a trend.

"I'm distressed about the changes going on Solano Avenue. People are being driven out by higher rents. There's an attempt to make Solano Avenue trendy, and I can't imagine the street retaining its color," he said.

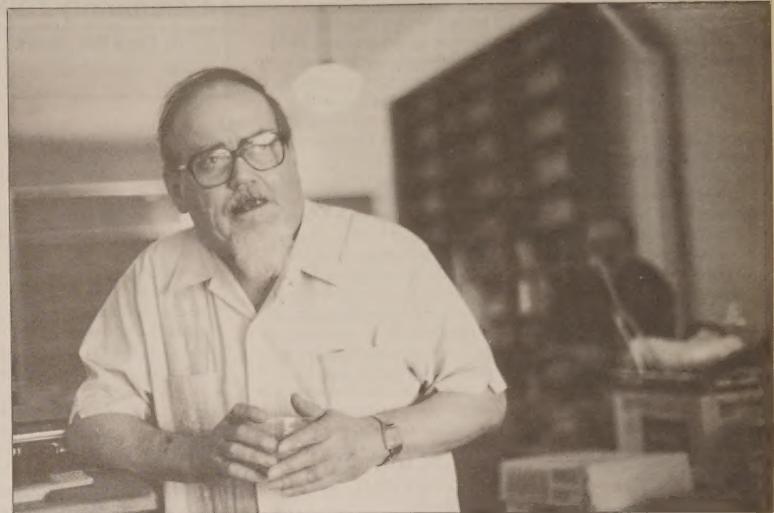
City Planner Claudia Cappio agreed changes are coming to the city's main commercial corridor. Cappio feels what is happening on Solano reflects the changing needs of the community.

"My sense is there has been a fair amount of vacancies over the past five years, and the trend now is toward something more major and capitalized, which is less of the mom-and-pop feeling. The whole flavor is changing because the economic demand is changing," she said.

That change, she added, reflects an increase in middle-income families residing in the area and seeking a different kind of merchandise. As new and existing businesses respond to the call, landlords are able to increase rents, as in the case of the Ross Valley Book Company.

Hawley was notified last month by property owner Mr. Kao that the Magic Garlic Restaurant would be taking over the neighboring space, formerly Cafe La Monde, as well as his own. Mr. Kao could not be reached for comment.

The store specialized in Native American and Western books and



Chester King Vega

Ross Valley Book Company owner Bob Hawley may relocate his business in Oakland.

memorabilia, had a distinctive style and, like other one-of-a-kind businesses, filled a distinctive niche.

Now, Hawley says he'll likely move his business to Oakland, even though there are vacancies on the avenue.

"The rents are being raised even though there is a lack of business. I know of five major vacancies in this area. They were little shops that were pushed out," Hawley said.

But Solano Avenue Association President Lisa Bullwinkel said business is close to booming in the area.

"The quality of business has gone up, the vacancy rate has gone way down and we've had a lot of stores open up in the past couple of months.

Some older businesses that have not kept up with the consumer market are being pushed out because they haven't kept up," she said.

Bullwinkel, too, sees a change in the people shopping in the area.

"It's a different clientele moving into Albany. A lot of people from Berkeley and young families are moving over there. I don't think it's as blue collar as it used to be, and they want a different quality," she said.

Cappio agrees that the changes, though subtle, impact some existing business.

"I think it is good to have the avenue be a part of the community people use. The underside is you're

pushing small business out. It's an inevitable part of evolution. And we also have to look out for impacts like parking," she said.

Bullwinkel believes the changes are happening slowly.

"I don't think it's anything drastic. It's (the avenue) always going to retain its charm. People enjoy a lot of the little stores. We're not looking for big chain businesses to come in."

"You have to ask yourself: Would you want it not to change? I personally think it would be kind of deathly. It wouldn't be appropriate. It has to grow and change," she said.

Albany City Council to act on residents' behalf

By Mary Flaherty

On behalf of University Village residents, the Albany City Council and staff will contact both the state

legislature and the Chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley to encourage outside funding, instead of increased rent, for housing renovations, said Albany

City Administrator Daren Fields at a recent council meeting.

In response to a recent letter from University Village residents, the council voted unanimously last

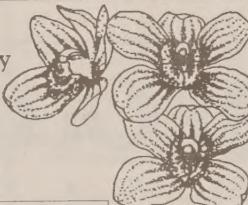
Tuesday night to support exploring both legislative funding and commercial development along the University Village frontage, on the

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Annual Mother's Day Weekend**

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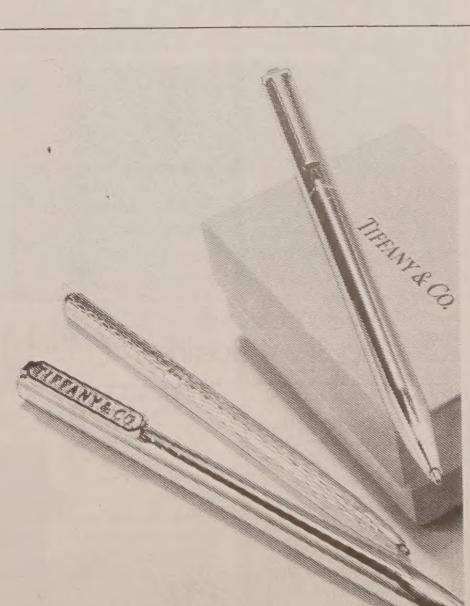
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Caregivers program offers support for immigrant women

In these days, when immigrant bashing seems the mode, it is interesting to think about the International Institute of the East Bay. Since 1919 this organization has been serving immigrants to our country in a variety of ways. It sort of reminds me of the commercial which says, "We're much kinder than that." That's what they are: kind. And helpful.

The particular program within this organization that we are talking about today is the Caregivers service, which was started in 1984.

We spoke with Dick Haber, a member of the Board of the Institute, and with Anchalee Kurutach, who is the director of the Caregiver program.

This section was started by a few people in the Early Childhood Education field, specifically Pat McGovern, of Bananas, and some others from the Oakland Parent/Child Center. They were responding to some refugee women who came to the center saying, "We really want to work in the field of caregiving, and we will be really good at it, because that is what we do." Most of them had been taking care of children since they were children themselves, usually caring for their own siblings. But there was nothing — no certificate that would assure American parents that they could do the job. They were asking for support and help so they could get a job and be self-sufficient.

What was developed was a six-month program of 25 hours a week, 15 hours of which was hands-on practice in taking care of children at the Center. Ten

hours a week were spent in the classroom learning about child development, nutrition and health care, emergency care, activities, songs, and some help with English. At the end of the six months there is a certificate and help in getting a job.

Anchalee Kurutach speaks rapidly, obviously happy about the program and what it does for the immigrant women. She notes that when women obtain jobs using the knowledge and certificate from the program, they usually receive over minimum wage. From \$5.75 an hour up to \$12 an hour, according to how many children they care for.

She notes, also, that many people come to the center with prejudices, and that many of the parents have prejudices. Using children to bring all of them together is a very strong aspect of the program.

Also, she says, the women are trained to treat child and adult care as a real job. If they know they are going to be late, they must call, and if they know they must be absent, they must tell the employer in advance. Often, in their old homes, they did not have to do that. Here, she says, it is "on-the-job training."

Women from all over have come through the program: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Vietnam, China, Laos, Cambodia, Soviet Union, Romania and others. They all work in the same classroom, learning to know each other and each other's cultures.

They suggest that the women attend ESL classes or special English classes at high school, since it is important that they be

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



able to speak without a translator.

And she talks of the difficulties; of the need for health coverage; the need to care for their own small children, etc. And, of course, the ever-present problem of money for the program. She expects their funding to go down 50 percent.

Anchalee Kurutach, born in Thailand, came here in 1988 to go to school at San Francisco State.

After college she had gone to work in a refugee camp in Thailand, first as a teacher, then as a teacher trainer, in ESL. It was rewarding work, but she wanted to further her education. A counselor in the camp suggested she come to San Francisco State. She applied, was accepted, and spent two years in the Masters program. Her first job then was in a refugee program in San Francisco, working with Vietnamese and Russian refugees. She taught at Golden Gate University and ran a program for international students, "English Language Skill Center," for students who are here but can't get into the university because they can't pass the test. It was through a worker there that she heard of this Caregiver program. She applied, was hired, and has been with it since.

Anchalee was to leave for a vacation in Thailand the week after our interview, and was very excited about going home.

Before she left, she spoke of

the rewards in the program. She speaks of women who knew only how to be wives, then becoming valuable workers, able to take care of themselves. "There is a great deal of frustration," she muses, "but it is also very interesting."

And the women themselves become an informal support group for each other, which is very helpful to them.

The International Institute of the East Bay has many other programs in addition to this. There is a Legal Services section, headed by an attorney which helps the refugees in many ways: legal problems, getting refugee status or asylum, family reunification, and so forth. Refugee Resettlement helps newcomers to settle, etc. And others. Haber talks of the Richmond Youth Project where they work with many Laotian kids who have been in trouble with gangs and drugs. "Youth at Risk" is a very vital program.

Most interesting. Much kinder. And most helpful. Strange that we have heard so little about them — up to now.

Thank you, Dick Haber, for calling me about this organization. I might be calling you for further columns.

And, as usual, I invite your input. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

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years. The fee for the Summer Day Camp is only \$35 for the five day camp. Partial scholarships are available. The cost for Asthma Champ Camp is \$175 for the entire week. Activities include: camping, canoeing, rock climbing, volleyball, archery, singing, swimming and arts

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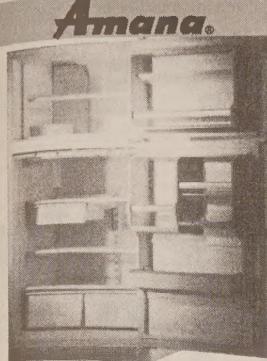
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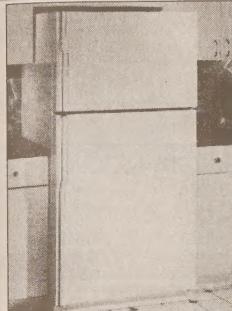
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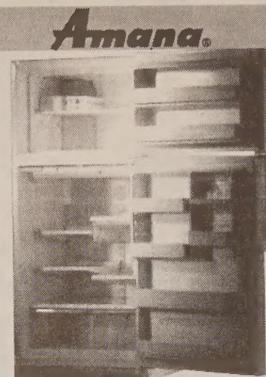
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Extra measures from Caltrans sought

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — The city plans to ask Caltrans to take extra measures, working with the community and performing an environmental review, for the bird habitat that Caltrans will create along the bay shore.

Caltrans plans to widen Highway I-80 include mitigations build a section of the Bay Trail in Albany, and the work will require some filling of wetlands and shoreline habitat. The work will affect the habitat of shorebirds and waterfowl, including herons and egrets, said Steve Granholm, member of the Albany Waterfront Committee and professional wildlife biologist.

Caltrans is required to mitigate the impact on the wildlife by creating suitable habitat for the shorebirds elsewhere. Two possible sites for a new bird habitat, one in Albany and one in Richmond, are currently being tested for soil toxicity. Caltrans is expected to choose whichever site costs less to prepare and will serve the wildlife best, said Granholm. Results from the toxicity tests are due by the end of May, said Evelyn Seidman, landscape architect with Caltrans.

The city of Albany has no offi-

cial say over Caltrans' final mitigation project, but it would like to be included in the discussion.

The City Council approved a recommendation on May 1 from the Waterfront Committee, that the city ask Caltrans to get an individual permit instead of a "nation-wide" permit from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

"I personally feel it (the mitigation project) has more than minimal impact," said Granholm.

An individual permit, on the other hand, would require Caltrans to issue a public notice and receive public comments on the project, he said.

Albany will ask both Caltrans, which will seek the permit, and the Corps, which will issue the permit, to require the individual permit, in hopes that at least one of the agencies will heed the city's request.

At the state level, Albany will also ask Caltrans to perform an environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on the planned mitig-

ation project.

The Waterfront Committee does not oppose the Caltrans mitigation project, said Granholm.

"Our waterfront proposal includes creating a habitat. This (Caltrans mitigation project) fits in with our idea of what we want to see happen," said Committee Chair Victoria Wake.

"The intent of these recommendations is to allow as much public participation and discussion of the major environmental issues as warranted," states the Waterfront Committee's recommendation to the council.

"We want to have some say in how the impact is mitigated," said Granholm. Even if the mitigation project is done in Richmond, part of the impact on wildlife is in Albany, he said. Therefore, the committee recommended that the city get involved whether the mitigation project takes place in Albany or Richmond.

The City Council voted unanimously to have city staff pursue working with Caltrans on the mitigation plan requirements. The new community services director, as yet un hired, but due to start June 5, will work on the project, said City Administrator Daren Fields.

By Peggy Thow

Albany PTA Council News

It's definitely the season for Open House in the Albany schools, where parents can see their children's work displayed in the classrooms. (If your child will attend any of these schools next year, you may get a sneak preview by visiting Open House or Showcase.)

Tonight is Open House at Cornell School, from 7 to 8 p.m. Next Thursday is Marin School's Open House (including their Science and Math investigations) from 7 to 8 p.m.

Albany High School is planning their annual Showcase for May 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Showcase features student work and information from student-run organizations. This year's Showcase is working together

with Music Boosters, who will present the AHS Chorus in concert at their meeting that night. The choral concert and meeting run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater and everyone is welcome.

AMS PTA will meet tonight, May 11, 7 p.m. in the AMS Library.

Marin PTA also meets tonight, at 7 p.m., to vote on a new slate of officers for next year.

This is an active week for School Site Facilities committees. Architect Ken Kerch is scheduled to attend all the following meetings. The public, as always, is invited:

AMS Facilities Committee meets Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library.

Cornell Facilities Committee

meets Tuesday, May 16, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Marin Facilities Committee meets Wednesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in the Library.

The next School Board meeting is May 23, 7:30 p.m. in Cornell School's multi-use room.

For those of you who couldn't get tickets to the sold-out Middle School musical last weekend, the message was clear and cleverly delivered. In the midst of a fun and entertaining romp involving AMS scenes and personalities, the kids sang about their need for greater choices in their curriculum, and for updated textbooks and materials. They put a lot of heart and effort into this work. Let's hope their pleas don't fall on deaf ears.

EC native places in competition

EL CERRITO — Eighth-grader David Pokorny, an El Cerrito resident and son of city manager Gary Pokorny, was one of four middle school students representing California at the 12th annual MATHCOUNTS National Competition held recently in Washington, D.C.

Pokorny currently attends Head-Royce Middle School; he is a 1993 graduate of Prospect School in El Cerrito.

In the MATHCOUNTS program, students all over the U.S. are coached by teachers in preparation for a series of competitions. To earn a place on the state team, Pokorny first participated in a regional contest in January. He won the East Bay division competition for students in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

He then finished second in a state competition held in Davis. That earned him a place on the California team and the MATHCOUNTS-sponsored visit to Washington D.C. At the national competition, mathematics problems measured the students' breadth and depth of mathematical understanding.

"We started Friday morning at about 8:30 a.m.," said Pokorny. "We took written tests all morning, then the 10 finalists competed on stage."

San Jose student Henry Wang placed third in the competition. Pokorny came in 79th in a field of well over 200 students from every state in the union. He enjoyed both the competition and the tour MATHCOUNTS sponsored for students; they visited the White House, the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, and the Air and Space Museum.

On Saturday evening, a banquet was held; speakers from various sponsoring foundations encouraged the students in their work.

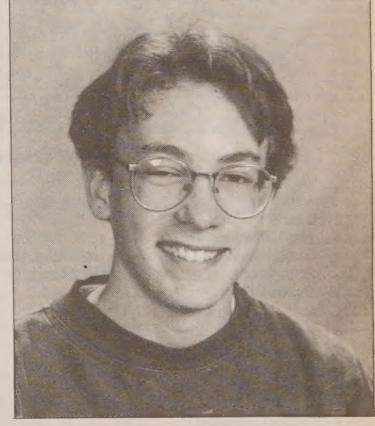
The event held a greater significance, though, for Pokorny and other students who "(do) math as a hobby."

"I wouldn't go around boasting that I'm doing math all day," he said, "but with an organization like MATHCOUNTS...it shows you that you aren't the only one with those (interests)."

"It made you realize that everyone out there was thinking the same things you were; it was a really neat feeling. It really was an encouragement."

Getting to know students from other states was another important bonus of the national gathering, he said.

Locally, Pokorny has also found his interests are shared by other students. He's one of about a dozen eighth-graders at Head-Royce who are studying ninth-grade level mathematics this year. He's also a participant in the Academic Talent Development Program run out of UC-Berkeley. He was able to



David Pokorny

take both pre-algebra and another higher math course ("a grab-bag course of non-traditional subjects") last summer.

The ATDP classes meet twice weekly for three to four hours each day, but Pokorny looks forward to taking another class this summer.

"It keeps the cobwebs out of your mind before school starts again in September," he said, adding "Lincoln teachers are extremely good," (and) they're extremely focused courses."

Pokorny isn't quite sure but thinks he may be looking toward a career in the general area of science or engineering. In the meantime, though, he has other interests besides mathematics.

Pokorny plays the cello in both classical and jazz groups and participates in cross-country track. He's also developing a new interest: role-playing the locally-generated game, Cyberpunk, with a group of friends.

MATHCOUNTS is a nationwide coaching program and a series of competitions designed to stimulate student interest and achievement in mathematics. MATHCOUNTS is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, the CNA Insurance Companies, the General Motors Foundation, the Intel Foundation, Texas Instruments Incorporated, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Many other companies also contribute significant support to MATHCOUNTS.

The organization's goal is to encourage interest and proficiency in math among intermediate school students, to develop their awareness of the relevance of math to everyday life and to encourage them to pursue math-related careers, to recognize student achievement in math and to foster private and public partnerships that will assist the program in meeting changing educational needs.



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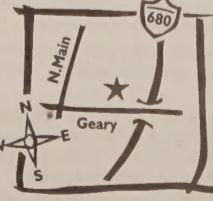
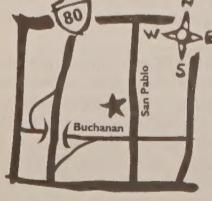
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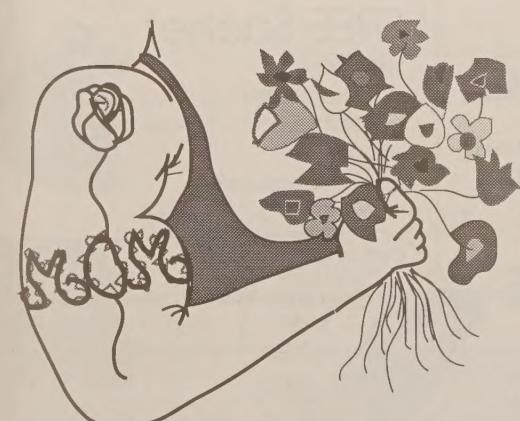
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**BILL MANN****Letters, letters,**

Mail Bonding: Even though I'm an enthusiastic user of e-mail on the Internet, I'm not a total convert. Occasionally I still take pen to paper and write bold, undecipherable strokes. I take exception to the somewhat derogatory and arrogant term "snail-mail" techheads have given to the U.S. Postal Service. I love e-mail, and many of you readers are using it to reach me. But I also recognize that writing and mailing a letter in the traditional way is a habit that must be carried forth. It also takes a lot more time and effort than e-mail, which isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Most people — especially, I have read, males — are not letter-writers (and I must admit the reason I scribe letters is because I'm a writer and I can dash off notes quickly on a word processor). In the defense of e-mail, it has, to a significant degree, revived the vanishing art and practice of letter-writing, whatever the means of transmission and delivery. Since e-mail is a hybrid that combines the immediacy of a phone call with print, it has, paradoxically, evolved its own set of hieroglyphics called "gleeps," "smileys," or "emoticons."

The best-known emoticon is your basic smiley, the :-), to indicate you're kidding when you write something in otherwise dry-looking, brief e-mail. The sleep for tongue-tied, one of my favorites, is :-&, and for drunk it's :-*). An angel is signified thusly: :-0), and so forth. (More gleeps in future columns, since they're interesting and kinda cute).

This is all by way of saying that I answer all my e-mail daily, and occasionally I take the opportunity to open the traditional mailbag in this space.

Alameda seems to be full of TV critics, with reader John Hand, for example, writing about TV hucksterism, adding, "I hate to say this, but I believe our planet is chock full of empty heads." John, I must, um, hand it to you for your candor, but this does not come as

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exactly shocking news to yours truly. "How else do you explain Beavis and Butt-head?" Hand offers as proof. Now just a minute, John, :-< ... I happen to LIKE Beavis and Butt-head! (although an explanation as to why would consume too much space here. ... Another Alamedan, Rob Kohn, writes to chide me about a recent item concerning Ontario native and ABC anchor Peter Jennings' eschewing the O.J. Simpson story and including nightly Canadian fishing-war updates on ABC's air. "The fishing story," Kohn posits, "will have as much more lasting influence on our lives than a murder case." I beg to differ: At this admittedly early stage, it already appears the Simpson case may lead to widespread jury reform, among other things; there is almost certain to be a statewide ballot measure reducing the numbers of jurors needed to convict from 12 to 10. ...

Oakland reader Rune Carlson writes to complain about the Chronicle using more color on its business page than on its entertainment page. I must admit I rather liked Carlson's addendum about the Chron being "our regional media fluff piece." But since I now write a column for the Examiner, it would be unseemly to embellish here, except to say that it's just fine with me if the S.F. morning missive wants to run more "color portraits of brown-suited CEO's," in Carlson's words. These guys are SEXY, dammit! ... More Canadians: And Alameda's Steven Pasholk disagrees with my recent assertion that this country could save billions of dollars annually by following Canada's lead and consolidating its armed forces into one service branch. Pasholk fears "this could lead to a military takeover" in the U.S. I do not share these fears. But even as a staunch supporter of a strong U.S. military, I'd rather see this consolidation than money squandered on unnecessary military expenditures, billions we could be spending on our schools ... Oaklander Gertrude Young, amidst all the press about right-wing talk hosts, wants to know where she can find the syndicated call-in show of one of the few remaining liberal chat

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By Sewall Clinternick

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

Chamber gears up with new members, mixers

Jane Del Simone of Full Circle Travel's "Cruise Connection" will be the chamber's guest speaker when we meet for the May 22 noon meeting at noon at the El Cerrito City Club, \$10 per person, with reservations required by May 19 by calling 233-7040. She will speak on information given at our April meeting with a video presentation of a three-day Baja California cruise being offered to other members & guests, with a bonus for the chamber if a required number of passengers are acquired. New members being welcomed by the El Cerrito Chamber are:

InnoCom Systems, Inc., 1855 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 528-1171; Arnold Agabaldo, Edward Tsai and Bell. Computer retail and consulting services.

J & T Enterprises, 5528 Adelante Ave., El Cerrito; 5757; Lee and Teresa Tsai. Travel agency.

BrightStar Montessori, 7140 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito; 233-5330; Swarna N. Joshi, director. Independent school.

The Toy Symphony, long-time member, has moved into quarters in the Plaza, next to Waldenbooks Store, at 470 El Cerrito Plaza. Kenneth Jones, owner-operator, offers a full line of toys and games.

A large crowd of El Cerrito Chamber members — headed by President Vera Boyovich — was on hand last week's joint mixer with Albany Chamber.

Representing El Cerrito's dual city family at this event were Council members Norma Larson and Jane Bartke, along with City Manager Gary Gandy.

The first part of the mixer was hosted by El Cerrito

Chamber member Al Caruso at his insurance office on Colusa Avenue in Kensington.

Following the Caruso mixer, the crowd adjourned to the recently opened Piazza Fontana restaurant where they were treated to a hot buffet.

Afterwards several of those attending stayed on at the new Italian restaurant to enjoy dinner.

Mixer door prizes were presented by radio and television personality and former restaurateur Narsai David. Among the winners was El Cerrito businesswoman Bea Doherty, president of Doherty's Truck and Auto Rental.

Forty-one-year-old Deirdre Cerkowicz, one of the newer members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, is rapidly gaining a reputation as "the Mark Twain of West Contra Costa County."

Deirdre, founder, publisher, and editor of a bi-monthly tabloid magazine called The Channel, has already attracted a dedicated following with her folksy way of writing.

The Channel, which features articles on the history, art, culture and politics of the West County area, started in September of 1993 with a circulation of 5,000. Today that figure has grown to 15,000 — with 5,000 mailed to residences in Marina Bay and Point Richmond, 2,000 mailed to other neighboring cities, and the remainder going to drop-off points in various West County communities, including El Cerrito.

A working artist herself, Deirdre has lived in this area for some 20 years.

"In that time," she said, "I saw many little local papers come and go. I became convinced this area needed a good source for spreading information to those interested

in the arts.

"Not only did we need to publicize the activities of small arts groups, we need a way to spread economic information concerning the smaller members of the business community.

"So, I started The Channel in Point Richmond. But, right from the beginning I didn't want the publication to be limited to that one small area."

Today The Channel is not only read throughout West County, it is also looked at on the Internet by people throughout the world. Last month alone, over 4,000 people looked at the electronic version of The Channel. Soon the publication is slated to go on a local electronic bulletin board.

Deirdre herself does a great deal of the writing. She is assisted by volunteer interns and by community people who are experts in their fields.

"These experts who volunteer articles are what makes The Channel so unique," Deirdre explains. "Most newspapers write articles that depend on quotes from outside experts for information. Later, these experts complain that the reporter didn't get the information right. Channel readers get the information directly from the horse's mouth."

"No matter how big we become in the future, I will fight to retain this community input. I want The Channel to always be by, and for about this area."

Playing an important part in helping her achieve her goal — providing local people with a chance to express their point of view and get experience writing for the print media — is Bryan Kravitz.

A native of Philadelphia, he



(From left to right) Chamber Manager Sewall Clinternick welcomes new members Deirdre Cerkowicz and Bryan Kravitz of The Channel with Chamber President Vera Boyovich.

is the organization's genius behind The Channel. Since coming to California in 1967, Bryan started a food co-op in Santa Cruz while working as a community organizer, worked five years in the printing, binding and mailing business, opened a typewriter repair business called "You're My Type," and in 1991 started his own full-service mailing business.

Opened originally in Bryan's basement, DMX has grown to the point where today it occupies space in a warehouse-studio building on the Oakland-Berkeley border.

Since that time the pair have produced a series of bi-monthly publications featuring special themes covering such subjects as arts, transportation, election, green gardening and holidays. The current publication covers "food and fun," while the next issue of The Channel will feature a "summer activities" theme.

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Church to host Bay Area pianist

On Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m., in the sanctuary, Matthew Edwards, a talented Bay Area pianist, returns to First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, to present a spring recital. His program will include: Prokofiev, *Sonata in C*, premiere performance; Julian White, *Penelope*, five aspects of the legendary Penelope of *The Odyssey*.

Matthew Edwards was born in Riverside, Calif., in 1964. He began his music studies at the age of seven. His principal teachers were Sharon Mann-Polk, Marta Bracchi-LeRoux, Nathan Schwartz and Julian White.

Following university studies, Edwards worked on the East Coast and, upon his return to the Bay Area, established a studio in San

Francisco. Edwards has appeared with orchestras at Flint Center for the Performing Arts in San Jose and at Hertz Hall in Berkeley and has made solo recital and chamber ensemble appearances throughout the Bay Area.

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Newly elected

Peter Hass, an attorney for Richmond based law firm Watson, Hoffe & Hass has been elected by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to be the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

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to oppose this legislation, and we hope that readers of will also contact the senators on this issue.

The underlying premise of this anti-regulatory move is that regulations should be based solely on their cost to the private and public sectors. This is fundamentally wrong. It is essential that the benefits to the American people, such as health and safety, be an integral and paramount part of the regulatory process.

'Takings' proposals, which could require compensation to property owners when federal action reduces the value of their property, are also being considered in Congress. While these "takings" proposals are couched in pro-citizen terms, they would result in a more burdensome regulatory process.

Takings legislation could cost federal, state and local governments billions of dollars, while costing citizens their health and safety.

The League of Women Voters has long supported efforts to assure the conservation and wise management of natural resources in the public interest and for protection of the well-being of our citizens. The current push for regulatory 'reform' would work against those goals.

Miriam Hawley
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League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville

Elder Care Solutions

Medicare and home health care companies

Elder Care Solutions seeks to provide answers to the many perplexing questions and concerns regarding care of the frail elderly. It is a forum for families to share resources, ideas and creative solutions to the many aspects of frail elder living.

Readers are invited to address questions to Mary B. Moorhead, MFCC, the Elder Care Specialist. Mary develops care plans for the frail elderly, and she provides family counseling to resolve conflicts involving elder care concerns.

Q. Could you please discuss further the different ways of hiring caretakers in the home? In the last column you mentioned the services of a home health company, and said that they can provide an hour of bathing and grooming which is paid for by Medicare. How does this work? Does Medicare pay for personal care throughout the day?

Hiring caretakers is one of the challenges faced by frail elders and their families. There are several ways to go about it. First, I will clarify Medicare paid-for care.

Medicare only pays for a very limited amount of help in the home, and it must be a medical necessity. This care is offered by a Medicare-certified home health care company. Most importantly, it is part of an in-home medical plan ordered by a doctor. Both straight Medicare and HMO Medicare offer this help.

For example, a patient may be hospitalized, because of a heart attack. The patient returns home with ongoing congestive heart failure, high blood pressure and rheumatoid arthritis. The patient's M.D. orders a home health care service for follow-up treatment and ongoing monitoring of medical conditions.

The patient may receive nursing care at home, as well as physical and occupational therapy. If the patient is too weak to take a bath and change her bed linens, the home health aid visits two to three times a week for about an hour. During this

time, the attendant may bathe the patient, change the bed and tidy up the room.

Occasionally, the attendant can come every day for an hour of help. For example, a frail elder who lives alone may have fallen and broken her arm. She is unable to bathe or perform any self-care duties. In this case, she may receive daily home health aid visits until she is able to resume self-care. Once she is able to resume self-care, the attendant would cut back visits and eventually stop coming because it would no longer be a medical necessity.

Remember, doctor's orders and medical necessity are necessary to receive this type of help in the home.

There are many Medicare-certified home health care companies in the Bay Area. Some are local and others are national franchises. Ask your doctor for an order and recommendation if this type of service is appropriate for your situation.

If this elder or family would like ongoing caretaking in the home, it is necessary to consider the various choices of hiring caretakers.

This is the most difficult and challenging part of frail elder care, because the only mechanism outside the family which pays for help at home is government-sponsored In Home Support Services (IHSS). IHSS is only for those who are income- and asset-qualified.

The cost of hiring caretakers includes a range of arrangements, from IHSS at minimum wage, to private hire at \$15/hour.

This is the reason many frail or ill individuals and their families want to include long-term care as part of a national health care package. They have faced the struggle to pay for caregivers at home and know how difficult it is.

In order to qualify for government help, or IHSS, a family or individual must be income- and asset-qualified. Individuals can have up to \$614/month of income and \$2,000 of assets, not including a home and burial plots. Couples can

Tobacco education grants available

To encourage tobacco prevention and education efforts throughout Contra Costa County, a county agency has set a deadline of June 15 to apply for small grants.

The Contra Costa County Tobacco Prevention Project will provide up to \$500 to community organizations and individuals working in Contra Costa County to change attitudes about smoking, help local youth resist the lure of tobacco industry advertising and encourage adults not to smoke.

"We don't have unlimited funds, but we are encouraging groups who have never done tobacco education and prevention to use what money we do have to buy tobacco edu-

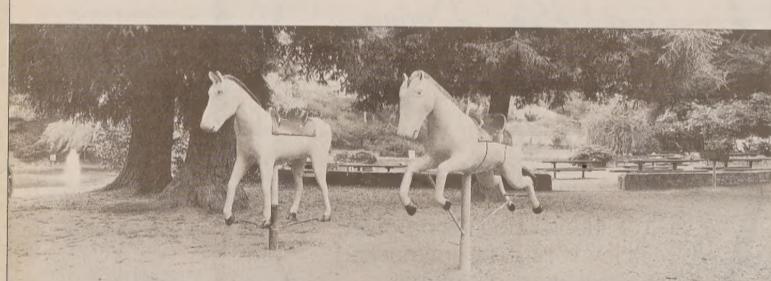
cation materials, develop positive messages, attend trainings and conferences or do whatever it takes for them to get involved in reducing the impact of tobacco on local communities," said TPF director Galen Ellis. "The idea is to be sure to tobacco prevention and education material is available everywhere in the county."

To date, grants have been given to the Seventh Day Adventist Church's school to produce a puppet show, to Girls, Inc. for a mini-course on tobacco advertising and to several programs to purchase or produce videos and other educational materials. The Tobacco Prevention Project, part of the county

Health Services Department, is funded through Proposition 99, the voter-mandated tobacco tax. A portion of the funds are allocated each year to community-based efforts.

Ellis said a simple application is involved, requesting justification for how the funding will help make tobacco prevention activities part of ongoing efforts. Funds are not available for individual stop smoking classes. For more information or to receive an application, call 313-6215.

Applications may be submitted immediately and will be reviewed after June 15. Some awards can be made more quickly for conferences and other time sensitive events.



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These horses and their playful park were created by the Works Projects Administration (WPA) in 1939-1940. Many neighbors, who grew up playing here, now return to the newly renovated park with their children and grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE GRUPALO, DAUGHTER TONI CAULFIELD AND GRANDDAUGHTER COLEEN CAULFIELD.
Volunteers of all ages, from teens to 90 year olds, are essential to the Summit family. And three generations of this Montclair family have been involved with the Pill Hill hospitals. Josephine volunteers at Summit every Thursday. Colleen was born at Merritt and Toni was a coffee cart helper there as well. "As volunteers, we try to save the staff a lot of footwork," Josephine says. "It's really enjoyable. The people we work with are all great."

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have up to \$1,101.71/month and \$3,000 apply to the IHSS program. This program determines how many hours of help will be allowed hours. IHSS usually recommends workers from local registries.

Most of the options for hiring in-home workers within the categories of registries or agencies.

There are a variety of registries and staffing agencies available. How these approach their business varies, however, commonalities.

Registries provide a list of names of willing to be caregivers. They all vary in amounts of screening and training they require. It is the families job to check with each registry's policies. It is the families job to screen and interview these workers and Social Security and other benefits.

Agencies provide their own background and are the employers of the caregivers. They handle all benefits and personnel problems they provide ongoing supervision of the workers.

The cost of agency hire is usually more than registry hire. The cost can be between \$10 and \$20 per hour. All the agencies have different rate structures. Costs can be lowered by having in or using 24-hour shifts rather than the standard 8-hour shifts a day for someone who needs full-time care. Some agencies have different cost structures, one where the agency is the employer and another where the family is the employer.

Because it is difficult to locate the phone numbers for the above services in the yellow pages, I have listed the following numbers for readers' convenience.

To apply for SSI and Medicaid: 1-800-1313.

IHSS: Alameda County: 639-1348; Contra Costa County: 374-3786. Registries for Contra Costa County: Senior Center: 215-4340; Care Connection Registry: 234-2820. Alameda County: Affordable Senior 436-0141.

Agency hire: Family Home Companion 4663. A Caring Connection: 524-8076. VNA Continuous Attendant Care: 435-2222.

Can you help? Here's a new question welcome your responses and experiences with families and elders who are struggling with living difficulties.

Q. Both of my parents are nearing the seventies. They are in pretty good health, worried about their future. We have heard something called Geriatric Care Manager. What is it and would it be useful?

Readers are invited to share any creative solutions to the above question and to any questions regarding frail elder concerns. Elder Care Specialist.

Please contact: Mary B. Moorhead, Solano Ave., Berkeley 94707, 525-4301.

Priority cusing on riad ivities

following is a continuation
last week's column.

third activity that the City Council marked as a top priority is its recent council retreat now we, as the city council, improve our schools. We held a number of activities in the city to focus on those implementing the city youth programs at all schools; working in the boundary mapping process to ensure that children living in El Cerrito go to El Cerrito schools, developing a clear city plan on how we could improve our schools.

Schools were ranked so high for reasons. One was that we are strongly in the value of a education as being important to the well-being of our sons and the city. Second, we feel that improving our school would improve property values in El Cerrito. This would benefit to both our residents in the city. Property owners see their investment in homes increase, and the city can increase property tax when homes are sold. Last of the top priorities completing the construction of Station Number 72 on the station. This station is critical providing adequate fire protection to the city's residents. To complete the design details for financing the station.

ranked four topics as High Priority for us. One expanding our NEAT team. This is the Neighborhood Emergency Action

From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce
El Cerrito



Teams. These teams are groups of neighbors who know how to work together in case of an emergency. They are geared to preparing us for the coming earthquake. We felt we needed to evaluate how we would improve the development of these teams so that El Cerrito would be fully prepared when the Big One strikes on the Hayward fault.

A second high priority was working to improve our library system. The council expressed much dissatisfaction in the cuts in library service. We have decided to work on ways of improving service in West County. One approach is already being worked on. This is a study by the West County cities of how to improve service, possibility through a major restructuring of library services at the count level. The reason for the desire to focus on West County initiatives is the fact that the County Library Assessment got the necessary 67 percent of the vote to pass in West County in the last election, but did not get the necessary two-thirds vote in other parts of the county. Our view is that the West County voters were willing to support its libraries and should not be tied to other parts of the county that did not give libraries such a high priority.

Another high priority item was developing comprehensive graffiti control program. We had asked the staff to explore options used successfully in other cities, to identify the kind of city ordinances that would help control graffiti, and to see what we can do to make Caltrans more

responsive than it is to this issue.

The last topic we voted as a high priority was a review of our capital investment program. We need to determine what our long term capital needs are and how we can deal with them. For example, the public safety building on San Pablo Avenue will require major work to upgrade it to make it a safe and more efficient work space. These costs appear to be so great that it might be more efficient and less costly to tear the old building down and build a new one. We also need to get a real city hall built. We also have a continuing backlog of major capital improvements to our park and recreation facilities. We feel we need to review these needs in order to develop a long term strategy for dealing with them.

These, then, are our Top and High Priorities. Any comments you may about these are always welcome. You can write to me or other council members at 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 94530 or show up at our council meetings to express your views.



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Solano Avenue Association News

By Lisa Bullwinkel

Solano activities to keep your brain healthy

Latest research says we need to keep learning new things to keep our brains from deteriorating! Well, there are lots of classes being offered in the businesses in the Solano Avenue neighborhood. Here's a sampling:

Fitness & Dance Classes: Quest for Fitness — 1831 Solano, 525-5455; Albany YMCA — 921 Kains, 525-1130; and Candlelight Ballroom — 183 San Pablo, 527-5055. Move it!

Basic Bike Repair: Solano Avenue Cyclery — 1554 Solano, 524-1094, offered during summer months. Get yourself outdoors!

Free Professional Make-up Class: Surfaces Skin Care Salon — 1740 Solano, 525-4273, one Tuesday evening in July. Learn to lift your spirit and wrinkles at the same time!

Flower Drying & Seasonal Wreaths: Albany Florist — 823 San Pablo, 528-1000, offered during summer months. Add some color to your life.

Teddy Bear Making: Bears & Baubles — 1603 Solano, 524-4794, beginners Monday evenings in July, finishing

sessions Thursday evenings in May on a drop-in basis and then again in July. Drop by anytime for a hug.

Pepper Spray & Mace Training: Safety Works — 1589 Solano, 526-5333, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11-5 every hour through May. Safety training is also available for your neighborhood group.

Flyfishing, Flycasting & Flytying Classes: Fish First! — 1404 Solano, Flyfishing is 1st Monday of the month 7-9 p.m., Flycasting is 2nd Saturday of the month, Flytying Wednesday evenings monthly. These guys will even take you fishing in their "Fish With Us" one-day clinics!



like to see the Berkeley Cares Voucher Program reinstated on Solano. A phone tree will be set up and the Berkeley Police Department will be there to help merchants choose other methods to use for positively dealing with street problems.

Solano Stroll Applications Available. Entertainers, non-profit organizations, craftspeople, food vendors, commercial vendors and parade participants send a SASE to 1563 Solano Ave., #101, Berkeley 94705. Mark the type of application you would like to have sent to you on your return envelope.

For more information call 527-5358.

Albany teacher flies with NASA as one of 22 in the nation selected

ALBANY — Kay Sorg, an 8th grade teacher at Albany Middle School is one of 22 teachers, selected nationwide, who have the opportunity to fly on board NASA's Kuiper Airborne Observatory (KAO), a C-141 aircraft with a 0.9 meter astronomical telescope.

Sorg took off on her expedition May 3, along with one other teacher to fly with a team of scientists, mission specialists and technical staff to observe the infrared universe.

Sorg is part of the Flight Oppor-

tunities for Science Teacher Enrichment (FOSTER) project, a teacher enrichment project at NASA Ames Research Center. This project is a joint effort of the Astrophysics Branch, Airborne Astronomy Missions Branch, and Educational Programs Office at NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field and the SETI Institute a non-profit research and educational organization in Mountain View.

The program is aimed at enriching teacher's understanding of science, math and technology, with

science on board the KAO involving many disciplines: astrophysics and astronomy, planetary sciences, physics, chemistry, and mathematics, aerodynamics, cryogenics, semiconductor detectors and microprocessors.

To prepare for their flights, teachers participate in an intensive workshop at NASA Ames Research Center during the summer. Sorg was one of 22 teachers selected in a nationwide competitive process to participate. The workshop includes lectures, lessons, tours and activities related to modern astrophysics and airborne astronomy. They are also provided with curriculum materials which bring their FOSTER experiences to the classroom and their fellow teacher and enhance science instruction.

NASA's Kuiper Airborne Observatory — a 91 centimeter (36 inch) telescope mounted in a C-141 aircraft — is the world's only airborne astronomical research facility. Aboard are scientists, mission specialists, engineers and pilots teamed for infrared astronomical research missions. Through this project, Sorg will participate in this research first-hand.

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MARTIN SNAPP

Sticks And Stones: A lot of you called about last week's column, asking, "Do you really get nasty letters like that?"

Yeah, I do. All the time. It goes with the territory. If they cross over the line and get threatening, I call the cops. Otherwise, I just ignore them.

(As for the nice letters, I take them home and read them to the cat.)

One reader who was less than thrilled with me is a woman who called the circulation department and asked them to cancel her subscription because "I can't stand reading Martin Snapp or Bill Mann."

And this is odd because, although Bill and I are friends, we hardly agree on anything. Not politics, not sports, not even rock 'n' roll.

But there is one thing we do agree on: We're both nuts about Judith Morgan Jennings, the stellar public relations director at Channel 2.

Bill and I were among the scores of people who jammed the Old Spaghetti Factory at Jack London Square last Thursday for a surprise party to honor Judith on her 55th birthday.

There wasn't a person in the room who hadn't received a kindness from Judith's hands at one time or another, including me.

Take Dr. Daniel Tanita and his wife, Martha Tonsing. "I owe my marriage to Judith," he told me. "She fixed us up."

(Dan is Judith's dentist, and Martha used to do the same thing at Channel 36 that Judith does at Channel 2. One day, while he was working on Judith's teeth, she looked up and said, "Have I got a girl for you!" Three months later, they were engaged.)

Last Thursday was a big day for another reason: It was the 16th anniversary of the day my cat Eliza Doolittle walked into my life.

Actually, this is only one of three days she and I celebrate each year. The second is her birthday, March 15. And the third comes up in just a week, on May 20.

Why May 20? It's National Eliza Doolittle Day. (In the song "Just You Wait, Henry Higgins," from "My Fair Lady," the king says, "Next year on the 20th of May/I'll declare Eliza Doolittle Day.")

No kidding. It's a real day, listed on page 168 of *Chase's Annual Events*. To quote: "To honor Miss Doolittle for demonstrating the importance and the advantage of speaking one's native language properly. Sponsor: Doolittle Day Committee, 2460 Devonshire Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104."

Speaking of cats, a line in a news story last week piqued my curiosity. It was the story about the woman in Antioch who shot a policeman and held her own kids hostage. According to press accounts, after the kids were rescued and taken down to the police station they were given kittens to play with.

"How cool!" I thought. So I called the police departments in Berkeley, Oakland, Albany and El Cerrito, and I asked them what they give little kids in that situation.

Answer: Stuffed animals.

"Every one of our beat cars has a stuffed animal in the trunk, in case they run across a little kid who has been traumatized," said Capt. Bobby Miller of the Berkeley Police Department. "Our only problem is that we're running low on Barneys. If you know anyone who has a purple dinosaur connection, please ask them to call me."

But that didn't explain why Antioch uses live kittens. So I called Shirley Marchetti, who runs the Antioch Police Department's Reach Project, and asked her why.

"We usually use stuffed animals, too," she said. "But when they brought the kids in, the little girl, who is 6, asked for a kitten to pet. As it happens, the city animal shelter is right next door. So I called Penny McCarty, who runs the shelter. And even though she's eight months pregnant, she slipped up the stairs with a kitten."

"Then the little boy, who is 8, saw it and said, 'I'd like a kitten, too.' So Penny brought up another one."

The kids also got plenty of Cokes, pizza, ice cream and — above all — hugs.

"Actually, it was good for us, too," said Marchetti. "After all, one of our officers was shot, and we were all really upset. Being nice to those kids was the best therapy we could have had."

When the kids left they had to leave the kittens behind, but they were given teddy bears and hand-sewn quilts to keep.

As for the kittens, they're back in the shelter, waiting for new homes. "The little girl named hers 'Choo-Choo,'" said Marchetti. "The little boy didn't name his."

If you'd like to adopt Choo-Choo or her litter mate, they're still available. Call the Antioch animal shelter at 779-6990.

And in case you football fans are wondering: Yes, Marchetti is related to the great Gino Marchetti, the best defensive end ever to play the game. (That's not just my opinion, it's also the opinion of the NFL, which selected him for its all-time All-Star team.) She's his sister-in-law.

As long as I'm giving the Antioch animal shelter a plug, I figured might as well give one to some of our local shelters, too. So I called Nancy Frensky at the Berkeley SPCA and Gary Templin at the Oakland SPCA, and asked them what's up.

"Funny you should ask," said Frensky. "This is National Be Kind To Animals Week. We'll stay open extra-late, until 7 p.m., today and tomorrow, to give people who work from 9 to 5 a chance to get to the shelter. We have lots of absolutely adorable cats and dogs waiting for a good home."

Meanwhile, Templin has been spending his time lately in Hayward, attending a trial of Christopher Bishop and Stephen LeBlanc, two sailors on the USS Carl Vinson who were convicted on Monday of torturing a cat to death. What's more, they videotaped the whole thing and proudly showed it to the cops who came to arrest them.

"The D.A. is a good guy," said Templin. "But he also says that the most we can realistically hope for is probation. The justice system just doesn't take animal abuse very seriously." (In spite of the fact that many of our most notorious mass murderers, like Jeffrey Daumer and Richard Speck, started out by abusing animals.)

But that's not quite the end of the story. You see, the sailors committed the crime on Navy property. Which means that after the civil courts are through, the Navy gets its crack at them.

So I thought you might want to know the name and address of their commanding officer. His name is Capt. L.C. Baucom, and his address is USS Carl Vinson, CVH-70, Fleet POAP, Alameda 96629-2840. Why don't you drop him a note and tell him to toss these guys in the brig and throw away the key?

And this is not an antimilitary plea. Templin himself is a Vietnam veteran. He was a Green Beret in the Mekong Delta, which means he saw a whole lot more combat than these guys, who have probably never heard a shot fired in anger in their lives.

Says Templin: "As a veteran, I'm ashamed that these two are wearing the uniform of my country."

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Fees

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national Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) had to face in setting the standard rates. The board's decision has led to a number of fee changes that increase with the cost of the project.

For projects costing between \$501 and \$2,000, for example, the permit fee still costs \$30 for the first \$500. For each additional \$100 or fraction thereof, however, the fee will rise from \$1 to \$2.75.

For project costs between \$2,001 and \$25,000, the fee will increase from \$45 for the first \$2,000 to \$63. For each additional \$1,000 (or fraction thereof), the cost will rise from \$9 to \$12.50.

Those levels may be the most likely to affect individuals undertaking remodeling projects. Large developers, however, will be harder hit. For projects costing over \$1 million, for example, the initial fee for the first \$1 million is increasing from about \$3,500 to about \$5,000.

That's caused concern in the building industry, said El Cerrito building official Steve Mitchell.

"To the individual, it may not

seem like a whole lot," said Mitchell, "but it has a significant impact for developers doing a housing tract, for example. It went up so much."

When the decision to raise the UBC standard (which would have been suggested by ICBO staff then OK'd by its board of directors) hit the general membership, many local chapters asked for an explanation, Mitchell said. The board has not yet done so.

Whatever the outcome of that discussion, the determination of relevant costs and appropriate fees is complex.

"We're not here to take advantage of anybody financially," said Mitchell. "We're just attempting to cover our costs."

"Sometimes people don't realize we have to pay a portion of the computer programmer's time, a portion of the finance director's time.... We have to pay for my space in the building, for my portion of the utility bills."

"It's not just a matter of how much time (the building official) spent going out to the (site) and coming back."

The UBC code, said Randall, takes into account all costs inherent in operating a building department.

Business license tax rates are another area determined by an outside factor, the Bay Area's cost of living index. They will go up 2.3 percent from last year.

Many fees will be raised only nominally next year. Most rental fees, for example, will increase by only \$1 per hour. Childcare fees will be raised about five cents per hour. Some fees will go down.

In making his recommendations for adjustments in planning fees, city planner Ed Phillips also examined the relative staff time consumed by the various fees.

A new field manager determined in consultation with soccer and baseball officials that a surcharge will be charged for improvements to fields.

In commenting on increases, council members noted that "affordable opportunities" has been the tent goal of the present administration.

The fee for a single family residential use permit, for instance, has now been reduced to its 1990 level "in recognition that the present \$1,000 fee is disproportionate most

home improvement fees. Staff will also be restricted to process residential applications and warrant a full use of the public-private partnership.

Tennis court permits, for example, were worked out by the city council last month. New permanent fees funds raised by the city and the month will be devoted to maintenance and improvement.

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She also said she wants that "childcare is still a priority in El Cerrito."

tance to redevelopment. Gortikov also recommended that expenses made later by members that expenses made in improvements made to the lot were passed on to Bilak's retail business.

"Whatever these expenses made by Mr. Bilak to do, he's going to improve the plaza and to make Plaza and to make Plaza a better place to do business."

"It's not his obligation to warn them what he's going to do," Gortikov said. In many cases, Bilak agreed to spread over time in order to keep tenants. He also said he would down common areas and tenants' expenses for landscape and security mon Plaza areas.

In general, Gortikov said the difficulty of "funding a plan" in a community 800 miles away was "sincere and well-committed to working council."

El Cerrito Plaza is a very valuable asset, Gortikov said. "To protect" it, Bilak is investing in architectural and other improvements to attract new tenants.

"The Plaza has a plan," he said. "To make you get creative,"

league has concerns about the City of Albany over the cardroom, with the consideration of joining the suit.

Although the Albany City Council wants to maintain local control over gaming, it did support the creation of a statewide gaming commission to regulate activities.

"We want state-wide standards," said Fields.

"The gaming industry has grown tremendously in the last ten years," states the league's report. "Californians wager approximately \$7.5 billion at cardrooms alone last year," it states.

Despite all the revenue that \$7.5 billion generated for cities, the

league has concerns about the City of Albany over the cardroom, with the consideration of joining the suit.

Rhonda Broccolini, mother of three, is the club's president. Broccolini says she is not comparable to the other clubs.

"They didn't send me a resolution of the policy amendment," Albany City Administrator Tom Bates and State Senator Petris, introduced bills and committees, said Feld.

dive they got their start in. Rhonda Broccolini, mother of three, is the club's president. Broccolini says she is not comparable to the other clubs.

"The thing I like about Ivy is it's not cliquey," she says. "It mixes here," she says. "That easy atmosphere makes people feel comfortable."

Though she's had to

prowl around the place in the evening making sure she's been introduced to all the people who are reluctant iconoclasts.

Some argue that change in Albany will never resemble San Francisco's

I'll take Albany.

Plaza

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For about a year, a new Plaza manager, Dan McNeer, who represents Bilak, has been working with the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Association on a number of promotional and community-oriented events, including a very successful Farmers' Market, in an attempt to make the Plaza a more active community center and to encourage business.

According to Gortikov, Bilak's "whole thrust has been very proactive."

"We have submitted all kinds of drawings to the city to improve upon the shopping center," he said. "The idea that there is not any interest in the community is absolutely inaccurate. He wants to make it an attractive place for people to shop."

A statement made at last week's city council meeting indicated that Bilak had attended an April meeting with city representatives in part because he expected the city had some money available for him to make improvements at the Plaza. Before that time, council members had expressed some discouragement that Bilak had never met with city officials to talk about the community's goals for the Plaza.

According to Gortikov, the expectation of available funding had been one of the reasons for Bilak coming to El Cerrito to meet with city representatives, but that expectation had been a reasonable one.

"We have received a letter from

Pat O'Keeffe, from the city of El Cerrito, indicating they were ready, willing and able to contribute to certain aspects for improvement of the city...," Gortikov said. "The letter indicated they would contribute a nominal amount of money (to Plaza improvements)."

The letter, he said, stated that it was the redevelopment agency's "desire to be an active partner in the improvement of your property."

Redevelopment agency manager Gerry Raycraft said later, "They have received some indications from us that we are interested in participating... I think the issue is timing and when those monies would be available."

"I think it was their impression — or perhaps we didn't make it clear enough — that those monies would be available soon after the Redevelopment Plan Amendment passed."

The amendment, which won voter approval last fall, included authorization for the issuance of \$80 million in bonds for redevelopment activity, with \$20 million to for improvements at the plaza.

The money, however, must come from tax increments that are generated from existing projects and allow the agency to issue bonds.

The agency is currently projecting a three to five-year mark for the issuance of such bonds and the availability of funds to be used for assis-

Gaming

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sion to fund its services. That share would range from \$300 to \$4,200 per table per year, increasing with the size of the cardroom, said Jones.

The League of California Cities, based in Sacramento, is monitoring the gaming bills and has urged cities to express their interests to legislators. In the League of California Cities Gaming Policy Directives, sent to all 470 California cities last January, Jones suggested which elements of the proposed legislation cities should support. Keeping the bulk of gaming revenues in the cities was one such directive.

"Local governments derive very significant revenues from gaming activities within their communities," states the policy report. One California city garners almost 65 percent of its general fund revenue from cardroom activities, said Jones. "Legislation must have a guarantee that local revenue streams are protected and that the state share not go beyond the limited needs of funding the activities of the new state gaming commission," the report states.

The proposed bills do not actually suggest that the state take additional gaming revenues from the cities, but there is a history of the state looking to the cities for needed revenue, said Ann Ritzma, Assistant to the Albany City Administrator.

"So much has been taken from cities by the state for various oversight groups," she said.

In addition to supporting the idea that gaming revenue stay in local government, Albany's resolution also supports the cities' prerogatives to decide whether to allow gaming and to impose additional restrictions on it.

"We don't want it (a gaming bill) to pre-empt local government's ability to enact stricter regulations,"

said Albany City Administrator Daren Fields. But Albany officials don't have any particular regulations in mind, he said.

The resolution also supports local control of law enforcement at gaming facilities. The potential for money laundering and other crime is recognized in the league's report, which states that gaming commission enforcement officers would carry out investigations and intervene in illegal activities. But the report recommended that legislation not compromise the ability of local police to deal with criminal activity in gaming facilities.

The League of California Cities report included another directive — consulting neighboring cities about gaming proposals — that the Albany City Council's resolution did not include. Proposed legislation would require a community cardroom to notify and consult with neighboring cities if the cardroom would affect their law enforcement activity, but it would not give a veto right to neighboring cities.

"This seems to be a reasonable approach to a complex problem, as long as the bottom line of local control is maintained," states the report.

"It's unclear what the league policy directive is. That's why we didn't include it (in the resolution)," said Fields.

Albany has received criticism from neighboring city officials for its handling of the cardroom proposal at Golden Gate Fields.

Berkeley Waterfront Commission Chairperson Brad Smith said in March that Albany's handling of the cardroom proposal violated agreements among local cities to treat such issues as regional issues. And in April, the Berkeley City Council voted to ask the Berkeley City Attorney to review a lawsuit

against the City of Albany over the cardroom, with the consideration of joining the suit.

Although the Albany City Council wants to maintain local control over gaming, it did support the creation of a statewide gaming commission to regulate activities.

Hipsters

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group who help operate the UC Berkeley campus radio station, which prides itself on defining college alternative music.

Two weeks ago the Grifters, considered by the alterna-scene as the new sound, drifted into town and played a special Wednesday night set at the Ivy.

Awash in a sea of corduroy and federal uniform garb (gosh, there's an awful lot of postmen in here) the Grifters may exemplify the sound limits of the venue.

"What I try to do is book bands that can play the area," said Bill, which happens to be a certain niche that only the Ivy covers in the area.

"The closest thing we have to competition is Gilman (a post-punk, grindcore all-ages venue) and the people who hang out there probably aren't really interested in the bands we have," he said.

But in fact they do.

Consider the scene last Friday when the new rockabilly kings, the Loved Ones (Highline Records) returned to play the down-home

Jackets head to tourney in 2nd place

By Gray Cathrall

Berkeley's tennis team took sole possession of second place in the BVAL with a convincing 8-1 win over Liberty last week, then solidified its hold with another 8-1 romp over Antioch last Thursday.

In the May 2 match with Liberty, all eyes were on the No. 1 singles match, Berkeley's Alex Kopel vs. Marco Keschky, and for good reason. They are the two best tennis players in the league, and enter next week's BVAL championships at Blackhawk in Danville ranked No. 1 and 2.

For Kopel to be ranked No. 2 as a freshman is impressive, especially considering Zeschky is a senior, as

are the first-ranked players at Monte Vista and De La Salle, the other top teams in the league.

The first time Berkeley and Liberty tangled, Kopel lost 6-1, 6-1. His scores the second time around showed a consistent improvement in his game.

All other matches were won by Berkeley, starting with easy singles wins by Peter Kaeas at No. 2 (6-2, 6-0); Sasha Rossman, No. 4 (6-3, 6-0); Avery Moore, No. 5 (6-2, 6-2); and Kerry Hegarty, No. 6 (6-0, 6-0). Alex Grubb at No. 3 spotted Cory Cancilina the first set 4-6, then settled down for convincing wins in the second and third set, 6-1, 6-4.

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cruised 6-0, 6-4; and Steve Bui and Jose Vilar played a long but steady match, winning 6-4, 6-4.

The results against Antioch were the same, but understanding that variety is the spice of life, coach Frantz Glasz rearranged his lineup.

Kopel and Kaeas won in straight sets at No. 1 and 2; Stefan Shakiba and Rossman won at No. 3 and 4; and Moore battled to a three-set win at No. 5; and Hegarty at No. 6 won in two sets. It was the first match of the season for Shakiba, a member of last year's team.

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'This year we are second...and we're only going to get better in the next two and three years.'

—FRANTZ GLASZ
BHS COACH

In the long-awaited, twice rained-out rematch with Monte Vista on

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Friendly rivalry leads to broken records

By Gray Cathrall

Four years ago a couple of guys named JonEvan Hornsby and Joel Young began running track at St. Mary's High School. Hornsby ran cross country in the fall and Young played football, but they teamed up each spring as middle-distance runners on the track team.

Since their freshman year, Hornsby has become the high-profile runner, breaking the school record in the 800 meters three times in his sophomore year, then lowering the standard last year to 1:53.39.

Last weekend that record became history, as Young broke Hornsby's one-year-old school record, running 1:53.33 at the Sacramento Meet of Champions. Crossing the finish line less than a half-second behind him was his close friend and teammate Hornsby in 1:53.69.

The only guy happier than Young has to be Francis Mason, distance coach at St. Mary's who has worked with both runners for all four years.

"I think Joel has a new sense of confidence," Mason explained. "He put in some good mileage before the season this year, something that hasn't happened in the past. Joel's a more mature runner this year, and some of that confidence comes from having a good year on the football team."

As for Hornsby and Young being teammates, friends and fierce competitors, coach Mason says, "Fortunately, they're best friends. JonEvan has always been the star, and Joel has kind of run in his shadow."

"But I could see it changing four weeks ago in practice. Joel was getting faster. I told him not to hold back in races any more."

"Last weekend at the Meet of Champions he took me at my word."

Ironically, in spite of the fast times by both Young and Hornsby in the 800 at the Sacramento meet, they finished third and fourth behind Michael Stember of Jesuit (1:50.9) and Bishop O'Dowd's Alex Teekel, who finished second in 1:53.25.

According to Mason, Stember is ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as a 2-miler and No. 2 as a miler. Teekel, the defending league champ in the 1-mile, has a friendly rivalry



Jeff Lindquist photos

Above: St. Mary's record-breakers: Half-milers JonEvan Hornsby (left) and Joel Young, who recently broke Hornsby's school record in the 800 meters. Right: Galen Pallas of St. Mary's is undefeated in the pole vault and enters this weekend's league championship meet as the favorite.

with the St. Mary's runners, having competed with Hornsby for four years in both cross country and track.

St. Mary's will be showcasing both Young and Hornsby this weekend at the ACCAL track and field championships at Alhambra High School in Martinez. Trials in all events except the 1-mile and 2-mile take place on Thursday beginning at 2 p.m., with finals in all events scheduled to begin at the same time Saturday.

At press time, Young was scheduled to run the 800, the 200 and the 4x400 relay. Hornsby will be running the 800, the one-mile, and the 4x400 relay.

Other St. Mary's runners to watch

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Albany-Berkeley girls' softball returns

By John Jory

The first time they met, the Berkeley and St. Ignatius boats were only a fraction of a second apart in a short-course race at San Francisco's Lake Merced. That was six weeks ago, and Berkeley's varsity came out on top by a mere half-second in a stirring come-from-behind drive at the end of the race.

A week and a half ago the results were almost the same but in reverse.

In their final league race of the high school season, Berkeley's varsity boat lost to St. Ignatius by one length, and the Berkeley JV boat lost by 1-1/2 seconds.

"Having beaten them earlier in the season sent shock waves through us," said BHS

ABGSL Younger Division were all high-scoring affairs. Yet despite power hitting and many runs, each game was closely contested, with the winner usually taking the victory only in the final inning.

The Five Star Video Galaxies were edged by the Alta Bates Aces 31-29 in a nip-and-tuck slugfest whose final outcome was in doubt until the last inning. Despite the abundance of runs, the game was close throughout.

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Jeff Lindquist

EC tennis yields surprising strength

Gray Cathrall

his first year as tennis coach at El Cerrito, Norm Seraphin knew Gaucho would be without last league singles champion, Chris Gray, who graduated.

What he didn't count on was the strength of the team he has, especially in singles.

Leading into today's long-awaited clash with three-time defending CAL tennis champion Alameda's Seraphin's team is ready, willing and poised to challenge the Horsetails for top spot in the league.

The Gauchos are on a big-time tear. Over a three-day stretch last week, El Cerrito made mincemeat of league opponents — St. Mary's Salesian 7-0 and Bishop O'Dowd 1-0 — raising its league record to 5-0 and a second-place tie with Piedmont.

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Jackets

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Monday, Berkeley failed to upset the unbeaten, league-leading Mustangs. The Jackets lost, 6-3.

The loss, however, did not knock the team out of second place in the BVAL, as their 6-3 record is one game ahead of De La Salle.

Both Kopel and Kaeo gave Monte Vista all they could handle. Kopel beat Monte Vista's Zoltan Hites in three of the more exciting sets of tennis of the season. On paper it says 7-6, 1-6, 6-4, but the first set was epic. In a display of unlimited energy and determination, Kopel and Hites traded games through six, then 10, then 15 and finally to 19 games each. Kopel had a late burst of energy, and at the end of 1 hour and 45 minutes, won the first set in an improbable 21-19 tie break.

"I was really tired in the second set and lost 6-1," Kopel admitted.

He came back in the third set, however, digging deep to find another quiet reservoir of energy. Down 4-3, he decided to slow down the pace, and the tactic worked.

"I just took it slow and I seemed to get some energy back," he said. "I won the next three games and beat him 6-4 to win the match."

Kaeo, also a freshman, took Monte Vista's No. 2 singles Brian Harrison to three sets before losing 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. The first time they played, Harrison won in straight sets, and Kaeo clearly had him rattled with a 6-4 win in the second set.

Track

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this weekend are five young speedsters: freshmen Jafar Williams, twins Khalid and Kwamin Taylor, and Mike Arp, plus sophomore Mario Barbero. Williams, the Taylors and Barbero will be running the 4x100, and Arp will run on the 4x400 relay team in place of Khalid Taylor.

To say these guys are fast is an understatement. The 4x100 team ran a 44.8 at last weekend's meet in Sacramento and the 4x400 foursome clocked a fast 3:35. In both races they were running against top varsity teams from throughout Northern California, so St. Mary's should be strong for several years to come.

Arp has already shown himself a likely successor to Hornsby and Young as a middle-distance runner. Though just a freshman, he ran a 2:03 half-mile this year and at Sacramento, he finished the 800 in 2:05.

Referring to his fab five, Mason said, "They are definitely the wave of the future for us."



Coach Francis Mason

Baseball

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all, 0-9 in the BVAL.

Antioch, ranked fifth in the nation and No. 1 in the state, improved to 18-1 overall, 10-0 in the BVAL. The Panthers had 11 hits on the afternoon and were sparked by Brian Oliver, who had two hits, including a home run.

Only a day earlier the Jackets took their act on the road to Brentwood, losing to Liberty Union 8-6. Berkeley led 6-5 before Liberty erupted for three runs in the bottom of the fourth to forge ahead for good.

Albany Round-Up

Even though last week saw two more losses tacked onto Albany's record, it did feature what was without question the young Cougars' biggest win of the season as Albany downed St. Joseph 5-1.

Junior Colin Sillers tossed a one-hitter for the Cougars. St. Joseph is the lone team to beat St. Mary's in league and has been ranked in local newspaper polls as one of the top teams in the East Bay.

Danny Gross sparked the victorious Cougars (5-14, 2-

9 in the ACCAL) with two hits and two RBI while junior Kitamba Douglas had two hits to go along with two runs scored.

El Cerrito Round-Up

The El Cerrito Gauchos took a significant step in capturing the final playoff spot in the ACCAL with three victories in as many tries last week.

El Cerrito capped off the week in impressive fashion by downing Albany 9-1 Friday. Dan Bodvarsson earned the victory for the Gauchos, who improved to 9-9 overall, 5-5 in the ACCAL.

Catcher Todd Johnson doubled and drove in two runs for El Cerrito. The Gauchos managed just four hits on the afternoon but it was still enough to chase Albany starter and loser Lamar Peterson.

Last Wednesday the Gauchos, behind sophomore pitching sensation Donny Davis, blanked Richmond 4-0. Davis threw a two-hitter while wiffing eight for the Gauchos. Tuesday the Gauchos edged visiting Piedmont 5-4.

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOR ALBANY, BERKELEY, EL CERRITO & ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOLS

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THURSDAY - MAY 11

BASEBALL	B	Pinole	V/JV	A/H	3:30
SOFTBALL	A	Holy Names	JV	H	3:30
	B	Pinole	V	A	3:30
SWIM	EC	ACCAL Diving - Alameda H.S.			
TENNIS	B	Alameda	V	A	3:30
TRACK	EC,SM	ACCAL Trials - Alhambra HS*			2:00
	B	BVAL Trials, at Pittsburg			TBA

FRIDAY - MAY 12

BASEBALL	EC	Salesian	V	A	3:30
LACROSSE-M	B	Alameda	V/JV	A/H	3:30
SOFTBALL	EC	Acalanes	V	A	4:00
SWIM	B	Antioch	V	H	3:30
TRACK	B	BVAL Finals, at Pittsburg			TBA

SATURDAY - MAY 13

CREW	B	State Championships			8 a.m.
SWIM	EC	ACCAL Championships			12:00
TRACK	EC, SM	ACCAL Finals			2:00

* at Alhambra H.S., Martinez

TUESDAY - MAY 16

BASEBALL	B	Monte Vista	V/JV	H/A	3:30
SOFTBALL	B	Monte Vista	V	H	3:45
TENNIS	EC	ACCAL Tournament			12:00

WEDNESDAY - MAY 17

BASEBALL	SM	ACCAL Playoffs	V	H	3:30
LACROSSE-W	B	Danville		A	4:00
TENNIS	B	BVAL Championships			1:00

THURSDAY - MAY 18

SWIM	B	BVAL Diving, at De La Salle			TBA
TENNIS	B	BVAL at Blackhawk			TBA
	EC	ACCAL Finals, Alameda			TBA

FRIDAY - MAY 19

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TRACK	B	North Coast Section Trials			9:30
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EC Tennis

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East Bay Events



Others and children in gallery spotlight

Albany Arts Gallery presents a color photography show, "The Others and Children of Nepal," works by Michael T. Williams. The show opens May 12 at the gallery at 1251 Solano Ave. Above is "First Baby," a young Sherpani woman on her way to a meeting in the Everest region of Nepal.

Bamboo flute concert

Master flutist G.S. Sachdev celebrates his 25th anniversary performing in the United States with a concert of classical North Indian ragas on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

Sachdev performs on a bass bamboo flute (Bansuri) nearly three feet in length with open holes. Swapan Chaudhuri will accompany him on the tabla.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance and for students and seniors. For information call 415-457-2625.

Disaster Opera, Enormous Ensemble take stage

Dan Plansey leads Disaster Opera Theater in a premiere of "A Mancholy...Opera" and his newly revised "Puppet Opera" on Wednesday, May 17, at the Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave. The performance starts at 8:15. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$5. Plansey's operas revolve around the doings of "small but fierce creatures struggling against the bonds of gravity." Performers include the Enormous Ensemble, with Tom Yoder, The Mystic Strings and Plansey on saxophone. Susan Volkman, Mantra Ben-Ya Ya'akov and Janine Wyatt sing women's folk music from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Ukraine and Turistan.



Zeilin, Friesen celebrate release of new CD

Maybeck Recital Hall welcomes Denny Zeilin, piano, and David Friesen, bass, in a celebration of their recent Concord/Maybeck C.D. release on Sunday, May 14, at 4 p.m. The recording is the duo's first release as a team in the United States.

Tickets are \$25. As critic Larry Kelp observes, "Followers have long known each musician as one of the most devoted in jazz, who uses the improvisational setting to probe into the deepest realms of the human spirit, and create music that is both highly entertaining and also offers a challenge to go beyond."

Italian poster exhibition at Harris Gallery

"Italian Posters 1895-1955" by Hohenstein, Metlicovitz, Callioli, Murzani, Sesto and others are on display at the Harris Gallery, 3032 Piedmont Ave. at Prince Street, Berkeley, through May. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Periods represented range from the "Heroic" 1890s through the Futurist and Bauhaus movements.

Berkeley Ballet Theater stages 'Woodland Prince'

Berkeley Ballet Theater presents the world premiere of *The Woodland Prince* and the return of last year's popular *Where the Mountain Ash Blooms* in six performances at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley. Matinee performances will be given at 2 p.m. May 13, 14, 20, 21, with two evening performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 and 20.

Commissioned by Berkeley Ballet Theater, guest choreographer Christopher Dolder has created *The Woodland Prince* in the tradition of story ballets, using myth, magic and fairy tale-like characters to illustrate a romantic tale in which true love and honesty triumph over ambition and cunning.

This new ballet is set to music by 18th century Dutch composer Pieter Hellendaal.

Costumes were designed by Susie Shaughnessy. The hand-painted set was created by architect/artist David Ludwig, and the lighting is by Matthew Antaky. Also on the program is artistic director Sally Streets' *Where the Mountain Ash Blooms*, an 11-part work for 16 dancers, set to piano pieces by Jean Sibelius.

Both ballets will be performed almost entirely by students of Berkeley Ballet Theater.

Where the Mountain Ash Blooms is a lyrical work choreographed by BBT artistic director and principal teacher in 1994. It explores balletic technique and challenges each performer, whether in solos, duets, trios or groups.

Streets has performed with the New York City Ballet, Mia Slavenska's Ballet Variante, Pacific Ballet and Oakland Ballet. A highly respected teacher and choreographer, Streets has been a faculty member at many Bay Area schools and companies, including San Francisco Ballet and Oakland Ballet.

She has served as guest company teacher for the New York City Ballet and the Royal Ballet in London.

Guest choreographer Dolder graduated from UC Berkeley, performed for five years with the Martha Graham Dance Company in New York and subsequently earned a Master of Fine Arts at Mills College. He is presently a lecturer in the Center for Theater Arts at UC Berkeley.

For ticket information call 843-4689.



Jordan Circuit as the Woodland Prince, with Jessica Sosin and Megan Somogyn.

Black Rep has fun with Hughes comedy

By Ann Fields

Simply Heavenly, a Langston Hughes musical folk comedy presented by the Black Repertory Group at 3201 Adeline St. in Berkeley, features a cast of hard-working, dedicated individuals who love what they are doing. Some are performing for the first time on the BRG stage, and some are old-timers who continue to use BRG to polish their skills. Bottom line: the enthusiasm that goes into the production makes for an enjoyable comedic experience.

"Simply," a light comedy, directed by television and Broadway star Mel Stewart, and assisted by Paula Martin, BRG's program director, takes place in Harlem during the '50s, a very colorful era. Comical skits and lovely music keep the production moving. "Look for the Morning Star," sung by Nicole Byrd, makes you wonder why so little is noted about Hughes' songwriting talents.

Interesting note: Director Stewart made his Broadway debut in "Simply Heavenly" off Broadway. The production later moved to Broadway, then to London and back to New York, where David Susskind produced the show for television. Stewart is most noted for his role as Bill Melrose in the television production *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*.

Byrd's voice has an innocence that suits her character as she por-



'Simply Heavenly' assistant director Paula Martin and director Mel Stewart.

trays young Joyce Lane who is hopelessly in love with Jessie B. Simple. Simple is played by Nathaniel Montgomery, who is staring in his eighth BRG production.

Montgomery, a native of San Francisco, has been performing for 23 years. A BRG old-timer, this is Montgomery's eighth play with the group. Other credits include *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *Our Lan*, and *Tellin' It Like It Is*, which toured

nationally. He has also performed in several film projects, including *Sydney Byrd, Private Eye*.

Jessie B. Simple and Joyce have many anxious moments as they try to determine if their relationship will survive. Jessie is plagued by having no money to divorce his first wife, whom he has not seen for several years. True love prevails, of course, and things work out. There is a happy ending for all.

Simply Heavenly is a conglomerate effort by many individuals who play double roles, working both behind the scenes and performing small or major parts in the play. Community Relations Director/New Arts Experience Program Coordinator Deborah Price, aside from her regular staff duties, has a major role, appearing on stage as Mamie, a roundish, loud-mouth maiden who is constantly rejecting the advances of "Watermelon Joe" — played by Glen Demoris Stuart. Her antics keeps the crowd laughing. This is Stuart's debut at Black Repertory Theater.

Mamie tries to dampen Watermelon Man's attentions, as she tells him, "I been buying watermelons, Joe, for two summers, and I finds your fruits sweeter than you." However, as love would have it, she eventually succumbs to his charms and his persistence.

Martin plays the strict landlord who does not allow ladies to have company with the door closed. Simple always complains, but Joyce replies that "those are the landlady's rules."

Backstage before the show, the cast drifts in slowly and Martin — in her role of assistant director — runs back and forth checking to see who has not arrived, making sure that all cast members are present.

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Film characters lost between right and wrong

By Basil de Pinto

Steven Soderbergh has never quite equalled the brilliance of *Sex, Lies and Videotape*, but he remains one of the cannier movie makers around. Although in his latest, *The Underneath*, he is a bit too self-consciously paying homage to film noir, he pulls it off with aplomb and the result is a smashing thriller.

The most salient feature of this movie is its capacity to surprise. There are a few formula touches, but in the main it keeps you guessing to nearly the end. I kept smiling to myself and saying, "I really don't know how this is going to work."

That is first of all the work of Sam Lowry, who has written a script of unusual intelligence and intricacy. At first the complication of a double flashback situation seems gratuitous, but as the film unfolds it all fits securely into place.

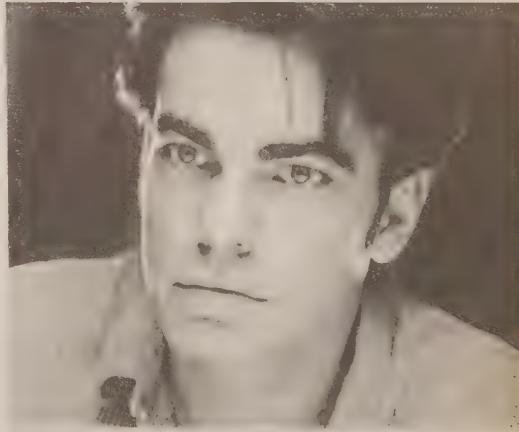
Michael Chambers (Peter Gallagher) is returning home to Austin. A compulsive gambler, he had to beat a hasty retreat when he was unable to pay a large debt. His ex-wife, Rachel (Alison Elliott), is not exactly overjoyed to see him.

The Michael we meet in the present, as opposed to the one from the past, has an air of studied calm about him. He seems to have come to grips with the demons that led him into flirting with danger. But it soon becomes clear that he is wearing a mask over a still deeply troubled nature.

He asks Rachel for a second chance and she is tempted, but unfortunately for all concerned she has taken up with Tommy Dundee (William Fichtner), a rough customer who makes it clear he will not suffer a gambling fool to displace him as Rachel's significant other.

Except for a price. Michael has gotten a job with a security company that transfers large sums of cash. He lures Tommy into a deal: they can share a significantly big heist and Michael and Rachel can disappear into the sunset.

This rather tawdry arrangement among three people devoid of moral sense covers a deeper portrayal of hidden motives and calculations (hence the title). Michael in particular is a complex individual for



Michael Chamber plays gambler Peter Gallagher in Soderbergh's *The Underneath*.

whom right and wrong exist in a shadowy tension that he is unable to resolve.

He is the kind of character who would be analyzed and would analyze himself at great length in a Russian novel. The one thing lacking in this film is a sustained exploration of Michael's inner life. Especially given Peter Gallagher's brooding, understated performance we need some way to gaze into his mental processes as he tries to come

to grips with the calamities he undergoes.

Absent that kind of peering into "the lower depths" (an obvious parallel), Michael becomes a bit abstract. One has the feeling that there is more to him than a hood going for a big job, but that central personal core is missing from the portrayal.

As good as Gallagher is, he misses a certain darkness in the

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BHS Classes '20-'33

Together again!

By Carla Tomczykowska-Szykier, '64

Special to the Voice

Under cloudy, late-April skies, close to 100 alumni and their guests attended a Berkeley High School multi-class reunion at Shenanigan's restaurant in Oakland's Jack London Village. What makes this reunion special is that it included the Classes of 1920-1933.

The 80- and 90-year-olds in attendance recalled days at Berkeley High and reunited with best buddies and former flames. Some of high school sweethearts actually did marry and are still together.

Jokes and laughter, family pictures and perusing the yearbooks filled up the hours quickly. The alumni had such a wonderful time there's talk of getting together annually.

Lorraine Drury Haynes, Class of 1925, presented the Berkeley Alumni Association with several yearbooks from the '20s, as well as an envelope full of dance bids, with their tiny little pencils attached, from her years at BHS.

Several people later said they wished they had known BAA wanted such souvenirs, because they had disposed of theirs just last year.

Thanks to an article printed in a local daily paper, a few hard-to-find classmates were heard from.

One of them in particular was Francine Armstrong, whose grandmother, Gladys Hogan, '13, is alive and well at the age of 99. Francine prepared a collage of information from Gladys' life, along



with some pictures of siblings who graduated in '10 and '15.

Also heard from was Marianne King Vandenburg from '17, as well as a few from '19 who were unable to come.

With background music from their heyday, the attendees partook of a delicious lunch overlooking the water. Programs for the day were distributed to each class member as they arrived, and Raines Video diligently interviewed as many people as possible for posterity.

The video will be available for sale in a few weeks. Class photos were also taken and will be mailed to those who ordered them that day. The event was coordinated by Carla Tomczykowska-Szykier, '64, with help from Louise Graham Rowland, '39.

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west side of San Pablo Avenue in Albany, to fund the much-needed renovations at the university's family-housing complex.

In a letter to Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, Patricia Rede, board member of the Village Residents Advocacy Association, said that although the residents agree the renovations are necessary, they object to funding them with their rents only. Some students, who are parents and depend on the affordable family housing at University Village, would have to drop out of school if rents go up, she said.

The problem is that educational dollars can not be used to rehabilitate the sub-standard housing, built during World War II, said Fields. But the Albany City Council and staff will ask the University not to renovate on "the backs of students," he said, but to "look at other ways." Albany will approach the California state legislature to inquire about state funds available for the renovations, said Fields.



Ready for take-off

Chrissy Hattam shows off the walk-in space ship that was part of last Saturday's Science Fair at Kensington Nursery School. An estimated 200 children participated in the events including bubble blowing, magnet experiments and a biology room.

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Measures to rid menacing mollusks

erily awaiting spring's weekend, I recently saw several cucumber and squash seedlings in my garden. They were next day, they were dry. The roots remained. The enemy number one had the slimy and insatiable snails.

According to Pam Peirce's "Gate Gardening," the garden snails that eliminate overnight were first brought to Oakland from France in the 1850s. The smaller variety of the snail used for escargot. With care and preparation, you could eat your way through your pest problem. One will not be taking that

approach this year, and as an organic gardener, I also avoid using synthetic chemicals in the garden. While snail bait is a tempting quick fix, it typically contains metaldehyde, a synthetic pesticide that can be lethal not only to mollusks, but also to birds and household pets. It also doesn't work very well once it gets wet.

Integrated pest management, or IPM, which uses a combination of methods to manage garden pests, is the environmentally-preferable approach. IPM techniques can be divided into four categories: cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical, with the first two being the most successful in Bay Area gardens afflicted with

menacing mollusks.

Cultural controls are the what, when, and where of gardening. Growing plants that aren't appealing to snails and slugs is one obvious approach. For example, mollusks tend to ignore perennial herbs and tomatoes. And if I had waited until my cucumber and squash plants had developed some prickly leaves, they probably would have survived.

Locating tender young seedlings next to known mollusk territory is also asking for trouble. Some garden guides recommend that you avoid planting agapanthus, day lilies, ivy, nasturtiums, and Shasta daisies, which are all preferred snail lodging. If you

have all of these plants in your garden like I do, view them not as breeding grounds, but as natural snail traps. That brings us to mechanical approaches: hand-picking and barriers.

No matter where you stand on the use of chemicals in the garden, it's hard to deny that handpicking is the gardener's best shot at keeping the snail and slug population under control. I go snail hunting three or four times per week. Prime picking times include around 10 p.m., when they are crossing the garden path on their way to a late dinner, and midday, when they are relaxing in a shaded hiding place. In addition to the plants named above, I look under overturned pots and the compost bin lid.

While smashed snails could in theory provide fertilizer for the

compost bin, I cringe at the sound of snail shells being crushed. Instead, I use the wimp approach: thick garden gloves and a plastic bag that gets a quick toss into the garbage can.

Placing a two- or three-inch copper barrier around tender plants will help deter the remaining snails and slugs. The copper apparently reacts with the mollusks' slime, giving them an electrical shock. Many nurseries don't sell copper strips or tape, but some hardware stores do.

If you can't find a product designed for snails, you can fashion a barrier out of copper sheets. This approach can get expensive, but is worth the cost if you're protecting a prized plant or a small area of your garden.

Although few give it a strong recommendation, virtually every

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garden book, organic or otherwise, mentions the infamous beer trap (a shallow pan of stale beer with the lip at soil level supposedly attracts snails, which then drown). It's never worked in my gardens. I recommend saving the beer and enjoying a nice cool one after a successful snail hunt.

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By Frosene Phillips

The time is swiftly moving for recognizing great grandmothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, mothers, mother-in-laws, or any other preferred motherly reference. Since Mother's Day is the biggest day of the year in the restaurant business, reservations are a must at most establishments.

A simple study of today's dining and entertainment pages will provide a taste of what is in store for you this coming weekend. Be it waterfront dining, cuisine preference or ambience considerations, the East Bay choices are plentiful. As you honor mother this Sunday, may it be memorable and cause for celebration.

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Jack London Square's Concert Series was kicked off last Thursday with the 14 piece Mexican big band Banda La Bufa. The free concerts are presented every Thursday night and run through October 1995.

This year's featured artists include Bobby Webb & Smooth Blues, Benny Valarde y su Supercombo, Nicholas, Glover & Wray, Ancient Future, Peter Horvath, Zydeco Flames, Passion & Grace and The Fundamentals.

Food and drink are available along with fresh air, sunsets and good music. For more information, call the JLS Event Hotline at 510/814-6000.

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If the Jack London Square Concert Series continues to draw crowds, then the annual Maritime Day Saturday, May 20, should do the same. In conjunction with this event is "A Taste of Oakland/East Bay." This food and wine festival is sponsored by the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. The fundraiser highlights the East Bay's variety of foods, food manufacturers, beers and wines.

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Judith Ets-Hokin's HomeChef Cooking School in Corte Madera is offering a cooking camp for children ages 6 to 12. Focusing on healthy delicious meals that children can prepare, the sessions run June 26-30 and July 24-28. Both sessions are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and part of the fun includes a visit to a farm and making cheese.

Single classes are also available and includes everything from making ice cream sandwiches to pasta. For more details, call 415/927-3191.

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WEEKEND SCENE: George Howard Kimball's East...Denny Zeitlin and David Friesen Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jim Brown at Scott's...Live Jazz Wednesday and Thursday Clarion Suites Lake Merritt Hotel...The Move in the Ducks & Co. Lounge at the Ramada Hotel...Peter Anastas Project (PAP) Friday at Cafe Bistro...West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

Ramsey Lewis Quintet at Yoshi's Nitespot...Josh Jones & Hueman Flavor Friday and Red Archibald & the Internationals Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Hotel...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Chris Cobb Band Friday and the Shambala Saturday at the Baltic.

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COMEDY SCENE: Bobby Slayton and Nick Griffin at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Will Durst and Alex Reid at Tommy T's San Ramon... "Comedy by the Bay" Wednesday at Geoffrey's Inner Circle...Wednesday Night Live at Elsinora's Via Veneto...SAN FRANCISCO: Barry Sobel and Blaine Capatch at the Punch Line...Dana Gould at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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A place in time

BACK WHEN

By Adolph Nemsick

Detroit, 1912...vibrant with growth and need, the need for autos instead of horses. This city named "of the strait" was French-founded and built around a hub. Grand Circus Park, with spokes of streets, jutted away, making it hard to find your direction. In '12 it had pushed north, away from the river and Canada to its south, out about four miles. A line of auto plants were built from the north-south center of this four mile line. Cheap open land was the attraction.

If the stork meant to drop me off in Detroit, he goofed. I lit in unorganized territory, called a township, near the old main Dodge plant. Some time prior, my dad followed his boss, the superintendent, from the aluminum company in Pittsburgh to the Dodge main plant. He proposed by mail to

Mom in Greenburg, PA, and as she was willing, they got married in Pittsburgh. She never stopped exclaiming, "Oh, my beautiful Pennsylvanian!" She always had those towering green ridges in her eyes.

When the superintendent moved to Packard Motors in Detroit, again Dad went with him to work in their foundry. He bought a home for \$1800 two blocks from the factory. Dad wanted to walk to work, instead of taking the street car. And in this house, he would die decades later, two days after he retired.

Just think—men worked for a dollar a day then! Through the years the neighborhood changed from German to Polish to Southern white to black, and metropolitan Detroit grew out thirty miles over the sand hills, swamp, and lakes of glacier-created Michigan.

My parents were caring

people, which I took for granted. This gift came with lots of social life, involvement in activities, and awareness of the greater society. Dad often sang "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree." Mom was deeply moved by her Hungarian gypsy music. Dad was the life of the party, always joking. Mom was serious, and at times grumpy, which Dad would kid her out of. She would finally burst into laughter and say, "Oh, you!" Then the sun would shine, the dog wag his tail, and the chickens in the big backyard would scratch the ground and cackle. Dad lived in a sea of animals and Mom tenderly raised her plants.

Both my parents came from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, giving me four distinct heritages. When I spoke of this to a guide in Vienna, he smiled and said "typically Viennese!" to correct my comment, "I'm a mongrel." My Dad was half-German and my mother a quarter, both enough to get entry to post-Hitler Germany. My Dad

was listed as an Austrian, had gone to school where all schools were taught in German, and lived six months in Bremen. He tried to teach me German without success. The chief thing he took out of Bremen was his dream of peppered rabbit (hasenpfeffer).

On the other side, Mom was carried to the U.S. as a baby. Result: her uncle, a New York policeman said she couldn't speak English or Hungarian. Perhaps his standards were too high. Mom was one of the original fighters for human rights, especially women's. She dared to leave home at 16 at that benighted time

and seek work in many areas. Work in a Catholic convent left a big dent in her. As usual, due to her drive, she was put in charge of the work force there but refused their invitation to join the order. My brother-in-law, a Macho Cuban, would say in memory of her: "What a woman!"

These adventurous, lively

people filled my life during my years at dear old Healy Grammar School. It too passed away before the onslaught of a new age—only the tunnel of a huge freeway remains in place of it along with busy Harper Avenue. Alongside in its very dry ditches, I cracked ice with my boot heels on my way to school, making me late.

When I stare down into the great empty space of the freeway, I see only memories and its dreams.

Adolph Nemsick was born in Detroit, is a World War II veteran, retired junior high school teacher, father of two, and grandfather of two. Now a widower, he is interested in spirituality and languages and leads a self-described "active but monastic life."

The stories published in this column are the product of a "Writing Memoirs" class taught through the Albany Adult School

Richmond Center of workshops

The Richmond Center of workshops offers week sessions to make light of the summer. In Summer Art includes crafts, clay construction, drawing, The Multi Cultural shop explores mosaics and painting. The range through European American, Asian, Native American traditions. Other classes are for eight weeks include of Cartoons, Clay Body Adornment, Watercolor Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Classes 21, 1995.

The Richmond Center is located at 25th Street and Avenue. Registration Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. by mail. For more information call 215-4375. Richmond Art Center

El Cerrito Swim Center summer classes begin

The El Cerrito Swim Center is open for adult lap swimming with an outdoor 25-meter by 25-yard pool. The water temperature is a balmy 80 degrees.

Monthly passes are available for the following fees: unlimited monthly pass \$42, 10-swims monthly pass \$34, eight-swims monthly pass \$28, and a drop-in fee of \$5.

May lap swim times are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday nights, 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For water aerobics enthusiasts deep-water aerobics is offered from 12 to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and again on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:40 to 7:20 p.m. for an additional \$8 or an \$8 drop-in fee; the first class is free. Masters swim team meets on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Spring swim lesson registration has begun. Lessons are offered two days a week on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and/or Tuesdays.

Albany encourages residents to Adopt-A-Tree

The Adopt-A-Tree program offers Albany residents the opportunity to select one or more city-approved street trees for planting in front of their homes. The trees are made available to residents at a significantly reduced price in an effort to enhance and beautify the City's streets and neighborhoods. As part of the tree selection process, the property owner agrees to "adopt" the tree. Under the adoption, the property owner is simply responsible for watering the tree. All other tree maintenance needs are the responsibility of the city of Albany.

There are 24 trees on the city's Master Tree List. Specific trees are available according to individual streets and planting strip widths.

day and Thursday afternoons. Lessons begin the week of May 1. Registration is ongoing for spring lessons during our business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer swim lesson registration is also in progress for residents of El Cerrito during the same hours. Come join the fun and relaxation of outdoor swimming at the pool. Call 215-4375 for further information.

Surf-n-Turf summer day camp is also accepting registration during the above-mentioned times and dates. This camp is geared for ages 11 to 14 years old.

Daily swimming and sports are included, as well as weekly excursions such as going to the A's games, Coliseum tours, Marine World, City Rock rock climbing, City Beach volleyball, Lazar tag at Berkeley's Q-Zar, Lake Del Valle trip, and many others throughout the Bay Area.

If your 11 to 14-year-old likes exploring new areas and is active, this camp is for your child. This camp meets Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning July 10 through Aug. 25. Call 215-4375 for more information.

Typically, there are several trees to choose from on each street. These trees include evergreen and deciduous varieties, as well as California natives. The cost for tree planting is \$37 per tree. If there is concrete in the planting strip in front of your home, the city will remove it for an additional charge of \$44 per tree. Included in the planting fee are the city-approved tree, planting labor, planting soil, drainage rock, root diverter, wooden staples, and rubber ties.

The city encourages neighborhood cooperation for a coordinated tree planting effort. Community Development Department staff will work with residents in coordinating tree planting on each block. Call the program at 528-5760.

It's time to fire up the BBQ!

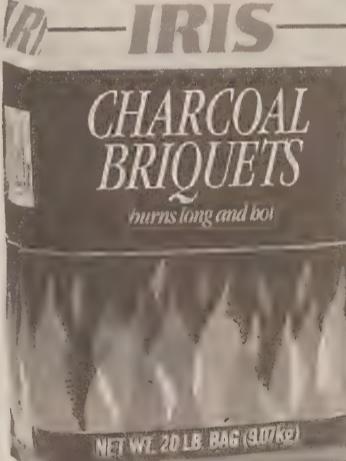
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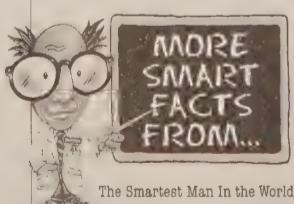
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Realtor David Miller plans safari to Africa



David Miller (in white T-shirt) enjoys a camping trip to Lake Victoria in East Central Africa. Lake Victoria covers an area of more than 26,000 square miles. Of the world's freshwater lakes, only Lake Superior is larger.

reserves.

After graduating from UC-Berkeley in 1978 with a degree in cultural anthropology, Miller first visited Africa because he thought

it was a fun and exotic thing to do.

On his second trip, he read the book, *I Dreamed Of Africa*, by Kuki Gallmann. He found it a very moving, personal account of her life there. Miller was touched by her vision of establishing an educational foundation to study the

coexistence of man and nature in Africa.

"I wrote a postcard asking for more information about the foundation, and Kuki and I started corresponding," said Miller. "A year later I asked if I could visit the

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■ On Our Minds

Changes to home insurance

A few days ago I received the first of two letters from my home insurer. Many of you out there may have received similar letters.

The first informed me that substantial changes would be taking effect when my policy was renewed. The second informed me that my failure to contact a third party vendor would mean that my homeowners policy was not being renewed.

The second letter was particularly annoying because the third party vendor had never sent me any communication requesting my cooperation.

It should come as no surprise to someone in the real estate business that home insurers are taking steps to limit their liability in California. But recently I have heard that homeowners policies in the Oakland and Berkeley hills have been canceled as well. Here's what they intend to do, as described in my two letters.

First, my insurer is eliminating



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the full replacement cost guarantee from both the fire and the earthquake policy. Based on the size, architectural detail and amenities, the "vendor" will determine what the correct amount of my fire policy should be.

But, what happens when the vendor underestimates the replacement cost? There are vast differences in building costs from one locality to another as the fire victims quickly discovered.

If there is a problem the homeowner will be left without recourse because we can presume that the vendor won't have sufficient resources to cover the loss.

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Seminar for seniors on the move

A "Seniors on the Move" seminar, sponsored by Arthur B. Macomber, Realtor with Better Homes Realty, and Mary Rudser, Attorney with Brody and Satz, is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Lakeview Club in Oakland.

The seminar focuses on how property owners 55 and older can prepare their homes and finances for the sale of their principal residence. As real property transfers become more complex and legal risks increase, sellers of homes need a systematic approach to their home sale. Macomber and Rudser cover the physical preparation of the residence, recent changes in seller disclosure requirements, and the tax implications of sale.

The seminar is offered at no charge but reservations must be made by May 31 to guarantee seating. To register, call Seniors on the Move at 287-8797.



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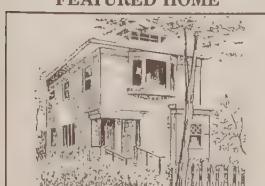
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Events

The Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) Computer Users Group sponsors An Introduction to Windows Computing, Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. - noon at 1528 Webster St., Oakland. An intermediate class entitled Doing More Windows will follow from 1 - 4 p.m. Cost for each class is \$25 or \$35 if you register after May 8. The course is open to assistants, brokers/agents and affiliates of OAR only. Registration required. Call 836-3000.

Truitt & White Lumber Co. presents a workshop on Decks and Fences, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. - noon, at 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Learn about wood options (redwood, cedar, pressure treated), fastening techniques, design considerations and code requirements. Free. Call 649-2674.

The Alameda Homebuyers' Informational Fair is set for Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School. In addition to seminars, the free fair will feature booths, entertainment and refreshments, including a gourmet coffee booth courtesy of the Alameda Journal. For more information, call Sandi Williams at 769-8777.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents three workshops on Saturday, May 13: Construction Estimating for Remodelers, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; Tile Installation Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., (\$un. too), \$195; and Earthquake Retrofitting, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Cen-

ter, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Financing for First-Time Home Buyers, Monday, May 15, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The 1995 Firestorm Awards Program Exhibit is open to the public now through May 18 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Jack London Square, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. daily.

Realtors are invited to a Realtor Mixer, hosted by United Savings Bank, Oakland Homeowners Center, on Wednesday, May 18, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at 4148 MacArthur Blvd. (1 block west of High Street). Find out how to save your buyer closing costs. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a business card lucky draw as well as door prizes for everyone. Reply by Monday, May

15, to 530-6097.

Custom Financial Services presents Home Ownership, A Reality of the '90s on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 262 Grand Ave., Oakland. Participants will receive the Community Homebuyer Program certificate. Topics include: Negotiating techniques that get you the lowest price; 25 mistakes home owners make with real estate; removing negative credit information from your credit report; and purchasing bank-owned properties at below market price. Registration required. Call 444-2100. The \$50 fee will be waived for the first 35 registrants.

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County and the Oakland Association of Realtors host a Training for

Landlords and Property Managers on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 1528 Webster St., Oakland. The course will be taught by the Oakland Police Beat Health Unit and will cover prevention and removal of drug dealing and using on rental property. \$10. Reservations required. Call 893-9873.

The New Neighborhoods House Tour and Raffle, a benefit for The College Preparatory School, is Sat. & Sun., May 20 & 21. Visit 14 new, architect-designed homes in the fire area representing a variety of styles and time-tested to state-of-the-art building techniques. One of the homes is a Builder Magazine award winner. Call 652-6829 for more information.

The Third Annual San

Leandro North Area Garden Tour is Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The tour showcases a variety of traditional styles and designs, as well as arts and crafts, Victorian Tea, Tuck Shop, Everybody's Egg, Alta Mira Club Ave. (off Dutton), the event beginning at 9 a.m. Cost: \$8/family. Seniors. For more information, call Barbara Barry, 635-3212.

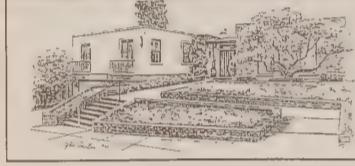
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Crocker Highlands move-in condition homes. Immaculate, bright, bottom! 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths, close to schools and transportation. Sunny, bright home office. See it now!

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NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING \$349,000

Architect designed, Roman brick floors accent vaulted ceilings. 3 bedrooms, formal dining and breakfast. Renewed gas kitchen. Rumpus room, sunny, private garden. HAL CASTLE 339-7677



PANORAMIC BAY & S.F. VIEW \$309,000

Lovely level in contemp w/patio bay & S.F. view. Extremely lit & bright w/attrac marble entry, LR/DR combo w/marble frpls, eat-in kit, mb w/pvt BA, rec rm, bsmt w/workshop poten. Irg deck.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



A GARDENER'S PARADISE \$298,000

Bright, spac & versatle 2 story w/magnif terraced garden. Pan bay view seen from LR w/pfrls & beauti FDR, brkfst rm, attractive, fam rm w/connecting 2nd dk to patio & grdn, prvt on a cul-de-sac.

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ROMANTIC NU LISTING-DINDA \$365,000

Surrounded by trees yet just minutes to everything you get on privacy and convenience from this remodeled romantic charme

surprising low price.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 531-4218

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

WANT A DEAL ON 37 UNITS? \$2,395,000

Be creative! Sellers will carry large second and first is assumable on this easy to maintain bldg w/2 penthouses laundry and enclosed parking.

HAL MARCUS 287-5888

UNBELIEVABLE - 20 UNITS! \$655,000

Prime Adams Point. Charming older building w/many upgrades. Just 1/2 block to all local and S.F. transportation. Listed at only 6.75 x annual gross.

KEN FERRELL 763-1260

NOW 1/4 MILLION UNDER ORIGINAL! \$750,000

A dashing, daring statement of unique style, coupled with extravagant quality! Bay/tree view, no neighbors! 4BR, 3BA, library. Copper-gated new triumph!

D.C. HODGES 531-7667

GORGEOUS NU MONTCLAIR LISTING... \$579,000

Prestigious 4 yr old contemp by Jeff Armstrong. Perfect for plan 4 entertaining, w/impressive GG & Bay bridge view. Grand entry, high ceiling, LR w/v & marble frpls, dream kit w/vu, fam w/pfrls & dk & master retreat.

NAHID NASSIRI 1670

MONTCLAIR'S PIEDMONT PINES \$535,000

Bay, bridge & city views, very private. 5-BR, 3.5BA, huge rec rm, thoroughly remodeled & upgraded! Includes in-law quarters, level courtyard & garden.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$529,000

4BR, 3.5BA in prime upper Rockridge w/stunning architectural details. San Francisco Bay views. Au pair or home office set up & more.

CAROL COHEN 531-4218

SEEKING QUALITY ARCHITECTURE?....\$495,000

Then you'd be proud to own this chateau-style 5-unit extraordinary complex. All 2BR w/dining. Hardwood, views, superb tenants, rents, style, condition!

D.C. HODGES 531-7667

1000% 5-BRIDGE VIEW + LAND! \$490,000

Gorgeous 5/8 acre for tennis, pool, horses, garden! Truly a rustic contemporary urban retreat! 2 structures total 5-BR, 3.5BA, media room, wow!

D.C. HODGES 531-7667

IN A CLASS BY ITSELF.....\$475,000

N. Berk Hills Eng Tudor is apart from rest. Grand LR w/cathedral beam ceilings & elegant frpls, remod kit w/bkfst rm, lg br w/pvt bth to die for w/bay vu & Jacuzzi.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

TREASURE YOUR PRIVACY!.....\$469,000

If your treasure your privacy, you'll love this home. Over 1 acre of land, spacious 4BR with dramatic 30 ft living rm + fam rm and large sun room!

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

IMMACULATE REMODELED TRAD.....\$465,000

Nestled on a 10,000 sq ft landscaped lot. Play structure, dog run, garden galore. Wonderful flex flr plan-good for young & old. A special place.

CAROLYN HARTLEY 272-9030

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY.....\$440,000

You'll fit everyone here together but separately. How? It's easy. In this 4-pax all units are equal & have 2BR, fireplaces & formal dining.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

ONE OF A KIND-QUALITY & VIEW.....\$399,000

Custom built, one owner. Skylights, high ceilings, open floor plan, office area, wine cellar. Potential expansion, double private lot, best area. Open Sun 2-4:30. CAROLYN HARTLEY 272-9030

PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS.....\$394,500

Adams Point. Spectacular penthouse with forever views. Huge roof garden, solarium, fireplace, parquet hardwood floors, security. One of a kind!

KEN FERRELL 763-1260

ROCKRIDGE BROWN SHINGLE JEWEL... \$369,000

Owner financing or lease option. Authentically preserved. Seismic upgrades. Den, FDR, Brkfst & LR, loaded kitchen w/build-ins. 5BR, 2BA, garden. Open Sun. 2-4:30. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

AN INCREDIBLE VALUE!.....\$368,000

Brand new home with San Francisco Bay view! Spacious bright floor plan, 2 frpls. Medit charm in a tranquil wood setting, call for a private showing.

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

NEW LISTING IN CHINA HILL.....\$359,000

Fine split level trad w/pano bay & bright, spc rms. Well aged w/beaut LR w/bay wndw, vu & fp, FDR, charming eat-in kit, space ram m/home office, gorgeous hwd frls, double yd w/patio & fruit trees.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

CONSUMMATE 1910 ERA CRAFTSMAN... \$357,000

Perfect property for discerning disciples of Stickley. 5BR with family room off country kitchen, solarium, even library. Large & gracious rooms 1/3 acre lot. Open Sun. 2-4:30. EARLE SHENK 287-9590

NEED HELP WITH FINANCING?.....\$355,000

Easy to own Crocker Highlands home on upper Rosemont Rd. Level in 3BR, 3BA (2BR and BA on main floor) level yard off huge rumpus room.

HAL MARCUS 287-5886

TRY ANYTHING BE CREATIVE.....\$349,000

Sellers have moved and this 3BR, 2BA level ranch in Crocker Highlands is the best value around! Walk to shopping, lake, schools, transportation.

HAL MARCUS 287-5886

SELLER VERY MOTIVATED!.....\$349,000

Owner says must sell. Charming trad in upper Oakmore, views, flexible floor plan, sun rm, formal dining, terrace clearance, au pair, 2 car attached garage.

MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

SUN, VIEWS, PRIVACY AND MORE!.....\$279,000

Gardener's delight with terraced landscaping and brick patio. This 2+BR home retains its 1926 charm with updated seismic, electric & drainage. Explore the possibilities.

EARLE SHENK 287-9590

CENTRAL REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$279,000

Charm oozes from this 4BR, 2BA traditional. Au pair or home office set up. Extra storage space. Lovely level yard. Quiet charming neighborhood.

CAROL COHEN 531-4218

RESTORED OLDE WORLD CLASSIC.....\$279,000

Glenview two story eastern style on huge lot. 3BR, 2.5BA, new kitchen, FDR, separate family room. Immaculate garden and patio deck.

HAL CASTLE 339-9778

SET IN BEFORE SUMMER.....\$269,500

Crestmont one level home on a quiet corner spotless and ready! Very large LR, fam rm/vkt combo, 4BR, 2.5BA and even a level deck! Call now to see.

EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

DESIRABLE REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$269,000

Spacious 2 plus bedrooms, one plus plus, bath. Bright and sunny with many upgrades.

NANCY DONNELLY 339-8400

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE PERFECT!.....\$269,000

Not too big & not too small just right. Formal dining w/Fr doors to deck & level out garden w/unbelievable patio vnl! Impeccable condition! Privacy. 2+BR, 1+BA.

RACHEL BALLER 530-3860

SUPER VALUE-SUPER LOCATION!.....\$269,000

Crocker Highlands. Quiet 2BR within walking distance to excellent school & SF bus. Private serene setting. Huge basement. Level yard. Antics owners!

LYN MURRAY 339-6666

MONTCLAIR HIDE-AWAY.....\$262,000

Reduced! Charming 2BR traditional nestled on large, wooded lot. Meander across a bridge over a creek. Seismic upgrades and remodeled kitchen, too.

LYN MURRAY 339-6666

MONTCLAIR PRIVACY + SPACE!.....\$259,500

Adorable, remodeled & largel 2BR, 1.5BA, giant fam room. Gourmet + eat-in kitchen, 2 fireplaces. 1/4 acre lot w/level yard areas. Part finished basement.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

LEONA HEIGHTS BARGAIN.....\$254,000

Terific upgraded custom contemp. 4BR, 2.5BA, FDR, many unique details, play yard, must sell.

HARRIET SCHOO 531-5143

SHINING CROCKER GEM.....\$249,500

New listing designed to delight this 2BR, 1.5BA home spakles. Beauitl marble frpls, hwd frls, FDR, newer roof & electrical. Easy stroll for am coffee to Lish, Grnd Lk.

MARLA/RANDA 338-8400

JUST LISTED!!!!.....\$324,000

Tranquil Joaquin Miller Hts rustic home with spectacular bay view! 4th BR or den, spacious 3000 sq ft floor plan on a 1/4 acre lot. Call for details. Open Sun. 2-4:30. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

WILLIAMS 482-5077

REDUCED AGAIN.....\$300,000

Seller motivated, charming Berkeley brown shingle contemp. Full of architectural details, in-law with separate entrance, move-in condition.

MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

CROCKER HIGHLANDS-NEW.....\$295,000

Family traditional home, just listed. Crocker school, three + bedrooms, 2 baths, formal floor plan, quiet part of street. Call agent to see.

JENNIE LIPPINCOTT 655-7137

MEDITERRANEAN MAGIC.....\$289,000

Super Lakeshore Highlands duplex perfect for owner(s) to occupy, spacious 1BR with dining rm, gorgeous fireplace, mirror units, bathroom, laundry, storage.

HAL MARCUS 287-5886

COUNTRY CLUB VIEW CONDO.....\$229,000

Africa ...

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I was with a small group from the U.S. and she agreed. So in the summer of '93 I led a group of students on safari."

"Then, the Gammall Medical Foundation has grown, and we've recently hosted kids from Europe, England and Canada. Miller is leading the first group of African students to the center.

"Miller's favorite campsite was in Masai Mara, with his brother and his wife on their honeymoon.

"We were in the bush and found a little bluff by a river, overlooking a huge hippo pool," Miller recalled. "A few giraffes ambled away when we arrived, and a herd of elephants were below us crossing the river. Eagles nested in the trees, hippos snorted and zebras brayed.

"At night by the campfire we could see the eyes of nosy visitors reflected in the firelight as they watched us. Lions roared to the night, and elephants trumpeted their defiant response. We sat around the crackling fire, sipping rum, and looked for the stars of the Southern Cross ... and savored the night sounds of Africa."

Another time, Miller's truck broke down in Isiolo, a small town in Northern Kenya. A small boy tagged around with Miller for more than an hour and when he was finally ready to leave, the boy asked for money, then for his watch.

"I said 'no' to both," reminisced Miller. "Then he asked me to give him my address so he could write to me, and I did. We've been pen-pals ever since. He is now aged 19 and studying in boarding school.

"Last time I was in Nairobi, he came for a visit along with his mother and sister. They are already looking forward to my visit this summer."

Miller has lectured on Kenya history and culture and recently

alone at the camp, the Kikuyu cook, borrowed Miller's Cal hat to ward off the sun which she said would leave her alone if they thought she was a man.



This rare reticulated giraffe was photographed at Samburu National Park.

'At night by the campfire we could see the eyes of nosy visitors reflected in the firelight as they watched us.'

completed a novel set in East Africa. His other travel experiences include hitchhiking from Turkey to Afghanistan, sailing in Brazil's South America Cup, climbing the Great Pyramid in Egypt to see the sunrise (twice), working as a volunteer for the UN at a refugee camp in Thailand and exploring Japan by train.

Julie Nachtwey is a Realtor with Mason-McDuffie in Berkeley and a former reporter for Associated Press in New York and Memphis and for the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Changes

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cient assets or insurance to cover its mistakes.

And the insurance company itself is out of the loop and therefore may be difficult to hold responsible.

Homeowners will have to educate themselves about construction costs and take on a much more active role in determining the dollar amount of their home insurance. It's likely that many homeowners who are trying to save insurance costs will wind up underinsured with no recourse against the insurance companies.

It was probably just a coincidence that I received my insurance letters at the time that ABAG released its report on the likely levels of damage for large quakes in the Bay Area. The point here is that just at the time predictions are being made that shockingly high levels of damage would result from a major quake on the Hayward fault, my insurance company is telling me that \$500,000 will be the future maximum earthquake coverage, period. Nice timing, right?

So not only are insurers refusing to write new policies, they are limiting their liability on existing policies. This also means you won't be able to shop around for a better policy. For better or worse, most homeowners will be living with their present policies for the

next few years at least.

The major insurers are attempting to pressure the public into accepting a de-linkage of earthquake coverage from the traditional fire coverage. Presently, insurers are required by state law to offer earthquake coverage with fire coverage.

With a substantial part of one's home equity at risk from a major shake, what's a homeowner to do? If insurance isn't available seismic strengthening and retrofitting takes on a whole new meaning.

Because earthquake coverage has high deductibles, typically 10 percent of the face value, homeowners in this situation should seriously consider major upgrading. Better to spend the money now and perhaps have a building still in one piece after the big shake — rather than later during the process of rebuilding. One way or the other, homeowners will be spending the money.

As the ABAG maps become widely available, it seems to me that buyers will demand seismic strengthening from sellers who are near the major fault zones.

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in The Hendrickson Company. Send questions c/o Hills Newspapers, Real Estate, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, or call them at 540-6000; fax: 548-6865.

Home inspectors meet tonight

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors hosts its Monthly Dinner Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 7-9:30 p.m. at His Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina.

Roger Robinson, owner of Star Inspection Group, will be the guest speaker.

The \$35 admission includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for reservations.

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644 ASCOT DRIVE - Piedmont Pines - Sharp 3BD, 2BA ranch. Corian/oak kitchen opens to bright family room. New granite fireplace. Yard. JUDY MAHER.....\$329,000

15 WESTALL AVENUE - Spacious Traditional - Impeccably maintained 3BD, 2BA with many upgrades. Large finished attic, wood floors, large yard with fruit trees. VICKY FAULK.....\$199,000

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1864 GRANDVIEW HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$469,000 OLLIE HAMMEREL
5546 KALES AVE ROCKRIDGE.....4BD, 2BA.....\$399,000 TERRY KULKA
84 STARVIEW HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$349,500 OLLIE HAMMEREL
5455 CARLTON ROCKRIDGE.....3BD, 2BA.....\$339,000 DONNA DEBARDI
6529 ASCOT DR PIEDMONT PINES.....3BD, 2BA.....\$328,000 JUDY RANKANKAN
1538 TRESTLE GLEN CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 1.5BA.....\$319,000 ADRIANA GIACOMELLI
5918 MARDEN LANE MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2BA.....\$269,000 DELL M. ORR
4943 EVANS AVE GLENVIEW.....2BD, 2BA.....\$265,000 KEN MACDONALD
4638 GERANIUM PL REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....3BD, 1.5BA.....\$244,000 RUTH LOCKHART
3815 ELSTON GLENVIEW - OPEN 1-3.....2BD, IBA.....\$226,500 FIONA MACINTYRE

BY APPOINTMENT • 339-1174
OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

MAGNIFICENT VIEWS.....\$795,000
Fabulous 5BD, 3BA dramatic high quality contemporary by architect David Baker. SF & bay views, gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings, yard, pool & hot tub. Dian Hymer

PIEDMONT\$569,000
Charming Cape Cod in sought after location. Separate studio with exterior access, great for home office. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. George Karsant

TWO HOUSES - ROCKRIDGE\$407,000
Two charming houses & cottage. One lot with great yard, privacy & parklike setting. Ideal for 2 owners or owner & tenant. Adriana Giacomelli

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING.....\$379,000
Exceptional Berkeley type craftsman. Old charm combined with classic features 3BD, 1.25BA. Enclosed sun room, yard. Dian Hymer

PRIVATE & SUNNY\$369,500
Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary on cul-de-sac. Custom kitchen, master bedroom retreat, 2 decks. Diane Hymer

LARGE LEVELYARD\$339,000
Montclair 4BD, 2BA, great family rm, & beautifully updated eat-in kit. Great separation of space. Terry Kulka

MONTCLAIR\$319,000
Spacious multi-split level contemporary, beamed cathedral ceilings, large living & formal dining combo, fireplace, decks, canyon views & more! Vicki Fierro

OAKLAND HILLS\$299,000
4BD, 2BA home with hdwd floors, wool berber carpet, large eat-in kitchen, basement storage, redwood deck & landscaped grounds. Sherry Benninger

REDWOOD HEIGHTS\$264,500
New listing. Lovingly cared for - only 2 sets of owners. 3BD, 2.5BA, master suite, rec room, manicured back yard. Close to trans, schools, shopping. Ruby Ng

REDWOOD HEIGHTS\$205,000
Delightful 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in pleasant neighborhood. Fireplace, yard & garage. Don Coelho

LAUREL DUPLEX\$179,900
Each unit is 2BD, 1BA. Upstairs freshly painted, new hdwd in hallway. Downstairs new paint in kitchen & baths. New BD carpet & hardwood halls. Adriana Giacomelli

FRUITVALE DISTRICT\$173,000
Comfortable 2BD, 1BA home in creekside setting, 2nd BD large enough to use as family room. Evelyn Walker

REDWOOD HTS AT THIS PRICE?\$162,500
New listing! Clean as a whistle. Updated kitchen. 1 level living, 2 car detached garage. Near shopping, AC bus, & easy access to 13 & 580 fwy. 3BD, 1BA. Ruby Ng

LAUREL DISTRICT\$139,000
Affordable home in attractive area. 2 bedrooms, plus room, fresh paint inside & out. Charming garden spot. Won't last! Dell M. Orr

OAKLAND\$119,500
Charming bungalow. Updated kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Norm Robinow

CHARMING & COZY\$119,000
Adorable 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with pretty fireplace, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen & large fenced yard. Truly delightful! Stacy Winett

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1497 LEROY	BERKELEY	4BR/2BA	\$625,000	CHRIS COHN
568 ARLINGTON	BERKELEY	3BR/2BA	\$569,000	GABY & BARBARA
524 GRIZZLY PEAK	BERKELEY	4BR/2BA	\$449,500	MELISSA LYCKBERG
1234 GLEN	BERKELEY	3+4BR/2BA	\$385,000	LINDA GERSON
1479 LINCOLN	BERKELEY	2BR/1+BA	\$267,000	KAREN BRAND
2209 EUNICE	BERKELEY	2BR/1/BA	\$225,000	LYDIA MELSEN
7355 MANILA	EL CERRITO	3BR/1/BA	\$249,000	DIANA KAY
1022 LIBERTY	EL CERRITO	3BR/1/BA	\$199,000	MELISSA LYCKBERG
4921 WAGON WHEEL	EL SOBRANTE	4BR/3BA	\$299,000	KAREN DANRICH
5440 MANILA	ROCKRIDGE	3BR/2BA	\$279,000	MELISSA EIZENBERG

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

ELEGANT BERKELEY ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE.....\$625,000

Outstanding North Berkeley hills location, quiet and peaceful yet only minutes to campus, shops & restaurant. 4BR, 2BA with unique master w/bay views. Wonderful open terrace, balconies, decks & sunny backyard. Designed by John Hudson Thomas, according to Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association.

TWO HOMES ON WOODED BERKELEY ESTATE.....\$569,000

Gorgeous panoramic bay views from both houses! Upper home is 3 bedroom, 2 bath with formal dining room. Lower house is custom designed 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath. Incredible grounds for walking, gardens and lawns. Must see!

PANORAMIC VIEWS FROM THE BERKELEY HILLS.....\$449,500

Cape Cod style in the hills. Charming, spacious 4BR, 2BA home with family room, formal dining room, master suite with fireplace plus large, versatile upstairs studio. 2nd fireplace in living room.

ALBANY PARK SETTING.....\$425,000

UNIQUE PROPERTY! Remodeled 3BR, 2BA farmhouse style main house with family room, gourmet kitchen & office next to creek. Opens to several patios, decks & hot tub. Plus two cottages & a pool! Must see!

KENSINGTON WITH SF VIEWS.....\$399,900

There is room to spare in this unique Euro-style home. 5BR, 3BA plus a family room. Bay views from every room. Imported tiles, hardwood floors and beam ceilings.

STUNNING EL CERRITO HILLS CONTEMPORARY.....\$365,000

Custom contemporary with sweeping bay & park views! Gorgeous country kitchen with fireplace & view deck. 2+BR, 2BA plus a family room.

EUROPEAN GRANDEUR.....\$350,000

Gracious & elegant rooms. Lovely architecture, detail and window treatment. Sweeping staircase. Library. 3 fireplaces. Master suite. Full basement. Approximately 2900 sq. ft. Income Potential.

ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN.....\$279,000

Original wood detailing in dining and living rooms. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath down, 1 bedroom, 1 bath up. Walk to BART and College Ave. shops/restaurants.

GREAT VIEWS, IMPECCABLE HOUSE.....\$239,000

JUST LISTED! Sunny & spacious El Cerrito hills home, 3BR, 1BA, hardwood floors plus deck, garden and patio.

DARLING BERKELEY BUNGALOW.....\$209,000

REDUCED \$10,000! PERFECT STARTER! Lovely North Berkeley location. 2BR, 1BA with formal dining room. New bath and kitchen, large living room with fireplace.

SUNNY & CHARMING REMODEL.....\$189,950

Move right in to this 3BR, 2BA with remodeled kitchen, baths & master suite. Lovely landscaped yard & 2 car attached garage. Quiet cul-de-sac, great neighborhood.

BERKELEY HILLS LOTS W/PLANS.....\$175,000

Privacy & seclusion on 3 lots subdivided into 2 parcels in the South Berkeley hills Claremont area. Architect plans available for both parcels, one with a stunning 4,000 sq. ft. home with bay views.

NORTH BERKELEY FIXER.....\$169,000

REDUCED \$40,000! Contractor's take notice! You have your work cut out for you, but location is everything! Walk to the gourmet ghetto from this 1907 home with 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths; now 2 units.

OAKLAND/BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$149,000

On the Oakland/Berkeley border only four blocks from College Ave. shopping. 2 bedrooms, large kitchen, formal dining, fireplace, and great backyard for gardening.

RARE EL CERRITO UNIT.....\$115,000

Near Del Norte BART. Spacious, immaculate 2BR, 2BA condo in 10 unit complex. Fireplace, balcony & many more amenities.

SUNNY OAKLAND UNIT.....\$94,500

Very sunny and clean 1 bedroom unit in Adams Point. One level with balcony.

6137 La Salle Ave., Oakland

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Top that!

At Mason-McDuffie's annual awards ceremony, A. David Cobo, company president and CEO, announced the 1995 President's Club members from its Berkeley office. The President's Club consists of the top 5 percent of Mason-McDuffie's 1,500 agents based on annual gross commissions. "The growth of our company is a direct result of the high level of service that our agents are providing to our buyers and sellers," said Cobo. This year, the President's Club members from the Berkeley/Claremont office are (above, with office manager Jim Hedges) Susie Schevill, second left, Chris Cohn, Leslie Easterday, and Liz Stevens. Not pictured is Bebe McRae who was also named Agent of the Year, her fourth year as first in the company.

How much remodeling makes sense?

Number 98 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

A welcome call, a couple asking if we'll help them decide how much remodeling they should do on their house.

They bought only last summer, they expect to stay there for at least five years, and the kitchen and bath can use some updating. Also they're thinking of adding another bath downstairs. "But does it make sense?" they want to know.

We like consulting, enjoy thinking about individual problems, both economic and personal, so we go to see the house and meet the owners.

It's a pretty little split-level house set back from a busy street in the hills. It was built about 50 years ago, and everything is original but well maintained. There is a high beamed ceiling in the living room, oak floors, and the windows are wooden.

None of the rooms is very large, but the house has a good feeling — cottage-like, warm. There are two bedrooms on the main level and another room downstairs looking out to the garden which works well as a study or third bedroom.

Like most homeowners, they've thought about doing many things to upgrade their living

space, but they would like to be smart about their investment. Will remodeling raise the value of their house? Which improvements will be the best ones to make?

We suggest that they tell us everything they're considering doing, then we'll give them our opinions. They've started to do work already, removing the old linoleum in the bathroom and shortening the stair wall to the downstairs which is in the kitchen. They talk about reversing the stove and refrigerator, adding two small cupboards with countertops on either side of the stove, and replacing the electric stove with gas.

They expect to add more lighting, but they'll repaint the old cupboards and keep the stainless steel sink. What do we think about laying a hardwood floor and putting in a skylight?

The bathroom will get new light fixtures, possibly a pedestal sink, and maybe a tile floor.

They think the downstairs would be improved with the addition

of French doors from the main room to the garden. They could buy a stacking washer and dryer which would give them room to add another bathroom.

Much of this work they can do themselves, they have a pretty good idea about what it will cost, and they add, "We realize that no matter how careful we are, it's sure to cost more than we planned." Smart people. They also understand that they may choose to do things for their own pleasure but that these may not improve their investment.

We listen and look, then ask

SEE REMODEL, next page

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Are you a low to moderate income, first-time homebuyer interested in purchasing a home in Emeryville?
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People

Oaklanders win regional awards

Grubb & Ellis Company has announced its 1994 Managers of the Year for the Pacific Northwest Region with Gary P. De Busk and Kathleen Peterson of the Oakland district office being named Administrative Manager and Research Director of the Year.

"This award is presented to those individuals who display qualities of excellence and provide levels of service to our clients, the community and Grubb & Ellis which consistently exceed all expectations," said John F. Carpenter, regional president, Pacific Northwest Region. "These managers are saluted for their exceptional performance."

De Busk has been an administrative manager for Grubb & Ellis since 1993. During that time, he has increased the efficiency and profitability of the Oakland office. In the previous three years, De Busk was operations manager for a San Francisco law firm. Prior to that position, he was facilities supervisor for Bay Pacific Health Corporation. De Busk served six years in the U.S. Air Force and holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the UC-Berkeley.

Peterson's responsibilities as Grubb & Ellis' research director in the Oakland district office include tracking information on commer-

cial real estate properties including market rents, space availability, construction activity and market absorption; producing in-depth analyses based on historical and current market conditions; utilizing demographic reporting and mapping capabilities to identify factors required for location and marketing analysis; and providing lease transaction and cash flow analysis.

Peterson entered the real estate industry in 1985 as assistant project manager with a land planning/engineering consulting firm. In this position, she prepared feasibility studies for land development projects, processed land use permits and established benefit assessment districts.

Peterson earned a bachelor of arts degree from the UC-Berkeley and is a master of business administration (finance) candidate at California State University at Hayward.

Grubb & Ellis Company commercial real estate offices in the Pacific Northwest Region are in the states of Idaho, Northern California, Oregon and Washington. With offices nationwide, Grubb & Ellis Company offers commercial brokerage and consulting, property and facilities management, appraisal and auction services.



Kathleen Peterson

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58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, PIEDMONT - 5BD/3BA.....\$869,500
Lovely traditional w/spacious rooms & beautiful gardens. Sandi Kiemmer
139 SHERIDAN ROAD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....\$945,000
Beautiful gated mini-estate, extensive lawns & gardens. Sandi Kiemmer
5301 HARBOUR DRIVE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....\$785,000
New listing! Gorgeous new const. no. bay views, great yard. Patty Scott
708 GRIZZLY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$579,000
Gorgeous new home, fam rm, den, frm DR, hill views. Wendy Gardner
2 SELKIRK REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$369,000
decorated! Gorgeous English, privacy, deck, park-like yd. Den Knowland
25 MASONIC PLACE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2+BA.....\$349,500
A great buy! Owner will finance; poss. lease option. Charlene Claybaugh
6081 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/2+BA.....\$339,000
Bay views from all rooms. 2300 sq ft., family room, deck. Ann Nichols
4946 STONERIDGE COURT, RIDGEMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....\$329,000
New listing! Breathtaking canyon/bay view, great back yard. Rohyn Mohr
4101 39TH AVE., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/3BA.....\$299,950
Bright new quality traditional with private hill views. Helen Darnall
6847 GUNN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....\$285,000
Romantic hideaway in charming garden setting, grt deck. Chuck Corwin
751 MCKINLEY AVENUE, CHINA HILL - 3BD/3BA.....\$279,000
Very clean & spacious ranch, hdwd flrs, new paint in & out. Nancy Chew

BY APPOINTMENT

SUPERB PIEDMONT ESTATE.....\$2,450,000
Elegant Albert Farr design. 5BD/4+BA, beautifully crafted chef's kitchen, family room, library, rumpus, elevator, luxurious new master BA, pool & magnificent park-like grounds. Joan Daniel

CLARENCE MAYHEW DESIGN - PIEDMONT\$1,950,000
Beautifully appointed trad. 5BD/5+BA, library, family rm, rec rm, gardens, decks & pool. Sally Morrison/Dee Bonham

STUNNING NEW CONTEMPORARY\$335,000
Over 1 acre w/breathtaking views from every window. 3+BD/2+BA, wonderful use of hardwoods, granite and marble. Joan Daniel

PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN\$699,000
Best buy! Rich architectural detail. 5BD/2+BA, 2 plus ms, walk to Piedmont schools, workshop, garden. Helen Danahak 547-5750

PRIVATE SETTING - PIEDMONT\$629,000
Beautifully decorated traditional in pristine condition. 4BD/3BA, gourmet kitchen/family room, well landscaped. Martha Holstlaw

CLAREMONT HILLS CONTEMPORARY\$575,000
Spacious 2 year old home with piano FG/GV views. 4BD/3+BA, incl. master suite, 3 frpls, family room, deck, hot tub. Patty Scott

MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY\$425,000
Wonderful newer home with flexible floor plan. Light & bright, separate guest suite or office, filtered bay view. Francis Heath

UPPER ROCKRIDGE MEDITERRANEAN\$425,000
Sunny home w/marble entry, 3BD/3BA, mst rm w/sunroom, plantation shutters throughout, low maint garden. Wendy Gardner

CAPE COD CHARM - MONTCLAIR\$419,000
Fabulous views! 4BD/2+BA home in excellent neighborhood, hdwd floors, level-out back yard, 1-car garage. Chuck Corwin

GRACIOUS TRADITIONAL - GLENVIEW\$399,000
Sun-filled 3BD/2+BA w/modern conveniences. Gourmet eat-in kit, plus rm, expansive decks & beautiful yard. Sandi Klemmer

PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT PINES\$379,000
Level-in trad with bay views. 3+BD/2BA, updated eat-in kitchen, office/den, private enclosed front & back yards. Wyn Stephens

CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL\$379,000
Elegant, light-filled and meticulously maintained. 4BD/2BA, eat-in gourmet kitchen, private patio, level yard. Wyn Stephens

ULTIMATE PRIVACY & VIEWS\$359,000
Immac. 4BD/3BA home situated at end of a cul-de-sac with 4-brdg view! Expansive deck & gorgeous garden. Donna Costella

SPLENDID OAKMORE TUDOR\$349,000
Large entry, beam ceiling in LR, fmrl dining, 3BD/2+BA, family rm with bar opens to large deck, hot tub, hdwd floors. Dick Cohen

WOODY'S RETREAT IN MONTCLAIR\$329,500
This 3BD/2+BA home offers privacy yet ultimate convenience. Cyn & tree views, kit/fam rm, large entertaining deck. Joan Daniel

STYLISH CROCKER TRADITIONAL\$329,000
Well maintained 4BD/2BA home w/versatile floor plan. Updated eat-in kitchen, level-out back yard with deck. Wyn Stephens

NEW CONTEMPORARY - TUNNEL ROAD\$329,000
Light & bright with canyon views from deck. Dramatic living room with vaulted ceiling. 3BD/3BA, kitchen/family room. Tom Anthony

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Light 2BD/2BA unit w/remodeled kitchen & baths. pretty tree view, lobby recently remodeled. Gaudie

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SPACIOUS PIEDMONT: \$769,500

Spacious formal living & dining, gorgeous kitchen & family rm. Wonderful for casual entertaining. Master suite w/frmplc & city vistas. D. GRUBB JR.

STYLISH SECLUSION: \$365,000

Clarence Tantau design. Very contemporary and elegant. Exceptional landscaped grounds. Great entertaining. ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY.

BREATHTAKING VIEWS: \$649,000

NEW EXCLUSIVE LISTING! Beautiful condition, lovely detailing and high ceilings throughout. Wonderful den and office. JEAN SIMMONS.

STYLISH MEDITERRANEAN: \$629,000

Old world charm. Formal living with stone fireplace and built-ins. Dining room opens to patio/garden. CHERYL KNICKERBOCKER.

EUROPEAN ELEGANCE AND STYLE: \$579,500

Comfortable living and formal dining. Good-looking kitchen, level to terrace with adjacent spa. MARCIA NEBEL/DONALD GRUBB JR.

FANTASTIC NEW PRICE: \$510,000

Spanish Mediterranean in an ideal location. Gracious living and dining rooms with hdwd floors & beamed ceilings. 4/3. KATHERINE COOPER.

BAV VIEWS: \$459,000

Level out to private garden. Great storage. Spacious formal living and dining, 3 bedrooms/2 baths. Priced to sell! ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY.

GREAT VALUE, GREAT LOCATION: \$435,000

Spacious level-in home. 3+3/3, rec. room, 2 fireplaces, attached garage. Walk to San Francisco transportation. MARION SCHWARTZ.

NEW EXCLUSIVE LISTING: \$395,000

New Guy Moore designed home. Two fireplaces (master suite w/sitting area). White washed oak kitchen cabinets. 3/2.5. DEBRA DRYDEN.

GRACIOUS AND ELEGANT: \$349,000

Gracious entry. Elegant living and dining rooms. Rec room w/2nd kitch. Landscaped gardens. 5+ bdrms/3.5 baths. JEAN SIMMONS.

UNDERSTATED ELEGANCE: \$389,500

English Tudor on nearly 1/3 acre. Living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Sunny kitchen w/breakfast nook. Elegant dining room. MARION SCHWARTZ.

ELEGANT ONE-LEVEL LIVING: \$349,000

Very dramatic entry. Formal dining and living rooms. Family room level out to landscaped garden/patio. MARION SCHWARTZ.

BRIGHT, FRESH & VERY ELEGANT: \$339,000

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Gracious entry. Elegant living and dining rooms. Rec room w/2nd kitch. Landscaped gardens. 5+ bdrms/3.5 baths. JEAN SIMMONS.

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San Leandro home and garden tour features Victorian tea, local crafts

Fair Annual San Leandro Area Home and Garden Tour is scheduled for May 21, from noon to 4 p.m.

The tour showcases a variety of architectural styles. Visitors on self-guided tour will enjoy houses and/or beautiful gardens, and take a peek at lavish setting displays, floral ar-

rangements, and even a child's playhouse with a teddy bear tea party in progress. This event serves as a fundraiser for the historic Peralta Home (Alta Mira Club), Victoria Circle Park, and Roosevelt and Washington School Fund.

Tickets may be purchased at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. (off Dutton Ave., one block

down from East 14th St.) on the day of the event, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Local crafts, Victorian posies, and artists' displays are on site for the enjoyment of all. Tickets are also available for sale now at Sabino's Coffee Shop, Everybody's Bagel Shop, and the Cornerstone Cafe. Tickets are \$8/family, \$6/adults, and \$4/seniors.

This year a Victorian Tea will

be offered from noon to 4 p.m. at the Alta Mira Club by the Xi Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi to benefit the San Leandro Women's Shelter and Medical Research. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased now at Sabino's Coffee Shop, Everybody's Bagel Shop, and the Cornerstone Cafe.

Come out to enjoy the homes,

gardens and sunshine. Vintage dress is encouraged. Additionally, the Acorn A's Classic Car Club will feature cars at each of the tour sites. The Cornerstone Cafe will sponsor "After Tour Refreshments" beginning at 3 p.m. Discounts will be given to ticket holders at the Cornerstone Cafe, Tutto Mio Gift Shop and Evergreen Nursery.

Remodel—

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about the basic systems. The roof is fairly new, the heat adequate, and the fireplace looks and works fine. But no electrical upgrading or earthquake retrofitting have been done.

We suggest they consider these first. We also talk about improving the street appearance of the house with landscaping and a more direct and attractive path to the front door.

There are no guarantees, of course, that what they do will come back to them when they sell, but we think that they paid about the right price for the house and that the market hasn't changed much since then. So what makes the most sense is to make the house appeal to a wide range of buyers without pricing themselves out of the market. They bought this house because they could afford it. Their future buyer will need to feel the same.

We tell them we find their

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kitchen plans intelligently modest. It won't cost them too much to make the kitchen work and look a lot better. We think a wood floor would be nice but may not raise the value, and while Corian countertops are wonderful, plastic laminate will do fine.

A gas stove, however, is a definite plus, and in this vintage kitchen our vote is for an old, free-standing stove, not a more expensive built-in range-top and oven. Depending on what it will cost to put one in, a skylight could be a great investment. Buyers do love well-lit rooms.

We think they should provide for a dishwasher and garbage disposer even if they don't install them now (they don't want them for themselves) and, if possible, there should be more electrical outlets in the kitchen.

The bathroom is long and narrow. Everything in it is necessarily seen close up, so quality is important. Good light fixtures, not cheap ones, and perhaps a baseboard of decorative tile, but the floor doesn't have to be tile and the wall-hung sink will do. The view out the one double-hung window is to trees; privacy is not an issue. Maybe they can change the old bumpy glass to clear or to marbled glass that will be prettier and will let in more sunlight.

We are doubtful about spending the money to add the second bath. Our guess is that a buyer will not pay enough extra for it, just as these owners probably would not have paid more for one. Certainly adding a bath should be considered last.

French doors will cost less and may be worth while, but should also be down at the bottom of the list. If they spend less than they thought on the other projects, stay in the house longer and/or the market goes up, we can reconsider. For now they should be spending as little money as possible because, no matter how appealing, there is a maximum that this house can sell for.

We ask if they'd like to know when we see houses that have been redone especially cleverly, and they say they'd like that. They've tried to find them on their own, going to Sunday open houses, but haven't run into many. We tell them that's because there aren't many, but we'll let them know when we see one.

It was a most pleasant couple of hours for us, and they say, very helpful for them.

Pat Talbert and Anet Taropp are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Taropp & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

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PIEDMONT VALUE \$369,000
Lovely home with character in friendly pocket neighborhood. 2BR, 2BA plus great rumpus/3rd BR on lower level. Large new kitchen level out to yard. 2-car garage. NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900

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Immaculate home with great floor plan. 3BR, 2BA + cottage, detached garage freshly painted. New baths, hdwd floors under new carpets. Pest work cleared. Ready to move. AMY KUO 526-5143, 644-5225

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- 3228, 3230 King St. Large duplex, both units have formal dining rooms & fireplaces. Top flat has 3rd bedroom or office space with view of SF. Offered at \$149,000.

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- 5624 Thornhill Dr. 3BD, 2BA, 2-story home. Downstairs has 3rd BD, BA & own sep. entrance. Walk to Montclair shops, formal DR, upgraded kitchen, bath, plumbing, electric & foundation. Also has large storage/office space off downstairs. 11,000 sq. ft. lot. Offered at \$289,000.

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Deck building looks easy on new video

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BRIAN GARDNER

he makes it all look so easy, but maybe it is easier than the stunning finished deck makes it appear.

Options for foundations are given, as well as the type of piers you will need to construct to support the deck.

Schuttner covers the types of wood which should be used under the deck from a 50-state viewpoint. That is, he realizes that viewers in one part of the country where snow or heavy rain is a factor need different advice than those building decks in warmer climates.

One factor that can deter a homeowner from building a deck is how to deal with level changes. Schuttner covers this as well as how to build stairs and attractive yet simple to construct railings.

During a segment on the building of a bench, an interesting trick of the trade is shown. Schuttner measures how deep he wants a hole to be drilled and simply uses electrician tape on the drill as a depth gauge. Simple ideas like this abound in the video and offer a sure-fire way to get it right the first time.

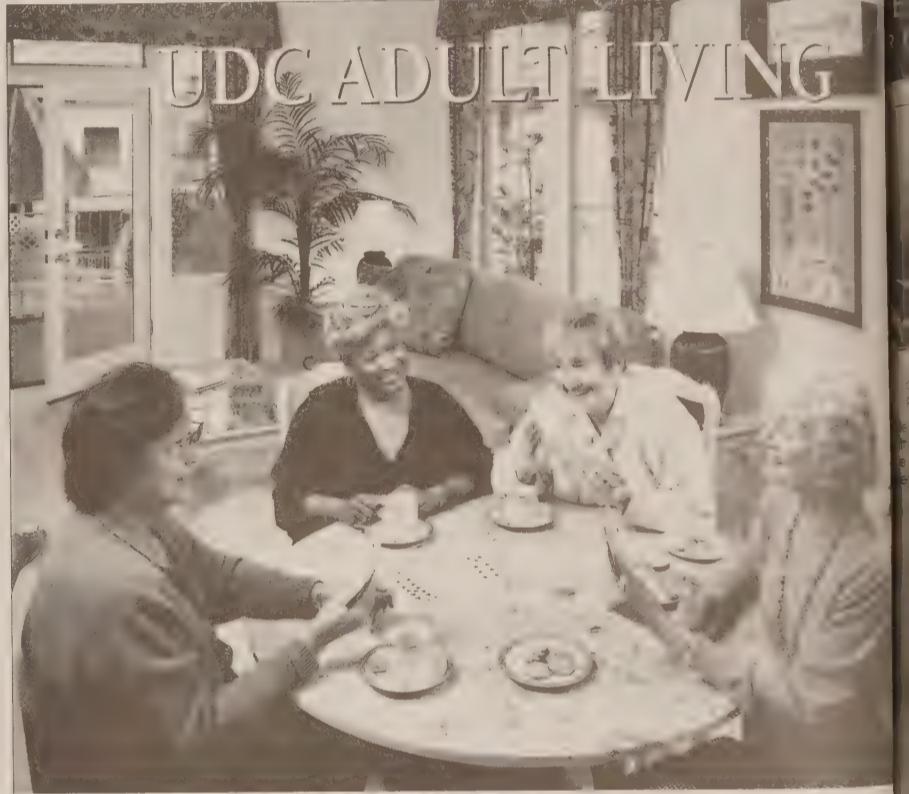
One key element of this video is the mock-deck they build alongside the real deck. By returning to the



mock-deck from time to time, our points can be easily understood.

For anyone considering the construction of a deck, this video is sure to be that your project the way you envision.

Brian Gardner is an award-winning journalist and native of the land now living in El Cerrito.

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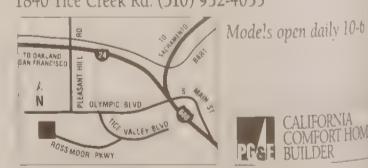
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neighborhoods on the north of Lake Merritt. The self-guided Register-quality residential district, as well as the Club with its Beaux Arts continuous garden route will be held at one of the general. Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 members. Call 763-9218 for more information.

of nine Alameda Gold' Gardens is Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m., rain or shine. It is sponsored by the St. Basilica Garden Club. Features the free boutique in the St. Basilica Notre Dame High School on 111 Chestnut St., will be hand-crafted garden items. Linda Shapiro, noted Bay Area artist, as well as representatives from Tower Books and Hawkins will also be there. Admission to the self-guided tour is \$15, with an additional \$5 for a box lunch. For information, call 814-7152.

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Tax deduction doesn't make housing more affordable

Editor:

The article by Kevin Brown, president of the Oakland Association of Realtors, appearing in your April 20 edition showed a common lack of understanding of the economic effect of the home mortgage interest deduction — who it helps, and who would be hurt by its elimination.

In the long run the home mortgage interest deduction does not make housing more affordable. The affordability of housing, that is, its selling price is determined, over time, by the amount of housing available for sale and the amount of money available for its purchase (that is, the number of buyers times the amount they can afford to pay).

On the surface, it would appear that these buyers can afford to pay more because of the tax benefit of the interest deduction. Thus, the net after-tax cost of a \$1,500 per month mortgage payment might be only \$900. Therefore, the buyer can afford a house that will require a mortgage payment of \$1,500 whereas without the benefit of the deduction, he could afford only a house requiring a

\$900 payment.

The reason that the above analysis is wrong is that the hypothetical buyer mentioned above is in the same tax situation as virtually all other buyers. Thus, if this buyer can now afford a \$1,500 per month house, instead of only a \$900 per month house, so (percentage wise) can all other buyers. More money is now available for the same amount of housing.

The economic effect of this is to bid up the price of houses. It is a simple application of the law of supply and demand. Thus the real benefits of the mortgage interest deduction inure to the sellers, not to the buyers.

The elimination of this deduction would in no way serve, as Mr. Brown contends, to "make the dream of home ownership vanish for an entire generation of hardworking Americans."

The resulting lower home prices will actually benefit buyers through lower initial property taxes, lower title insurance premiums, lower insurance premiums, and so forth.

Mr. Brown eludes to what I am saying when he says that "industry analysts predict elimination (of the interest deduction) could reduce home values by as much as 20 percent." Well, if the elimination of the deduction will lower home values (which it will), then it is hardly a threat to those seeking home ownership.

Mr. Brown also adds that "to first-time buyers, that means start-

ing to climb the housing ladder more than 20 percent in the hole." Why, one must ask, are they in the hole? Because they got the house for 20 percent less than it would otherwise have cost?

This raises another common misconception — that rising home prices actually benefit those seeking move-up housing. If a homeowner buys a home for \$100,000 and then seeks to move up to a \$150,000 house, it will cost him an additional \$50,000. If, however, there is a 50 percent rise in values, his house will sell for \$150,000 (a nice profit?) but the move-up house will now cost \$225,000 or an additional \$75,000 to move up, instead of only \$50,000.

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Our list of sponsors is varied and includes, in addition to Realtor groups mentioned in your article: The West Berkeley Foundation; Sumitomo Bank; CH2M Hill Company; Brown & Caldwell; Bayer (formerly Miles); The Berkeley Lions Club; West Berkeley Lions Club; Albany Lions Club; Bank of America; First Interstate Bank; The Clorox Foundation; Citibank; Alta Bates Medical Center; Mechanics Bank; PG&E; Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice of Northern California; Great Western Bank; and Home Depot.

Additionally, dozens of food purveyors contributed to the grand picnic at the end of the work day and the Berkeley Firefighters did their usual excellent job of barbecuing the hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers consumed by volunteers after a hard day of work. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Classic Confections, and Cody's Books contributed gift certificate prizes for the winners of our Buildathon.

The volunteers who contributed "sweat equity" to the home repairs were a cross section of our citizens including employees of the sponsors as well as youth groups, students, labor unions, construction companies, religious organizations, firefighters and police officers, and just plain folks who believe that volunteering to help others is an important part of their lives.

We are, of course, grateful to the Realtors for their generous contribution to the success of Christmas in April, but we want to acknowledge all of the wonderful organizations and people that assisted us in our efforts to make Berkeley a safer and better place to live for our senior population.

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Top row, from left, Robert Barrer, assistant director of Berkeley Oakland Support Services, David Kafton, Berkeley Association of Realtors Homeless Committee chairman, Jurgen Schwing, chaplain of Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy to the Homeless; third row, Arlette Schlitt-Gerson, Flo Albonica and Karen Ward, BAR Homeless Committee members; second row, Shirita Thomas, committee member; and front row, Logene Butler, committee member.

In an effort to improve life for the homeless population, the Berkeley Association of Realtors recently gave \$4,500 to three local social programs.

The money was divided among the Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy to the Homeless, Berkeley Oakland Support Services and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center.

"We give to groups that aid people who want to get into the mainstream," said David Kafton, chairman of the Realtors' Homeless Committee. "We want to help people who are trying to better themselves. Since we're in the housing business, we thought we should help."

The Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy, which opened its doors seven years ago, provides

a range of services that include distributing clothing and meal vouchers, organizing spirituality groups and referring the homeless to shelters. In January, the Chaplaincy opened a transitional residence for the homeless. It's located in a vintage, renovated house on Haste Street and accommodates seven residents and a house manager.

"The home allows people to get on their feet," said Linda Lazzareschi, director of the program. She said 90 percent of the women who visit the center are homeless.

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"We want to support the transitional housing aspect of this program," said Kafton. The Women's Daytime Drop-In Center provides a meeting place and range of services to low-income women. Last year the organization served 400 women.

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Rice will lead the organization in a time of rapid growth as more commercial and investment practitioners realize the benefits of belonging to a professional organization tailored exclusively to their needs.

Rice, president of Cal Cap Research and a part of the Cal Cap team since 1973, has been in the real estate industry for over 20 years. He earned the prestigious CCIM designation in 1984.

Since 1985, Rice has used his knowledge and expertise in the educational arena as a CCIM instructor and is one of only 10 Realtors in the country qualified to instruct advanced real estate and taxation classes in the CCIM

(Certified Commercial Investment Member) program.

Rice's professional affiliations include EBCAR 1994 board of directors, charter member; the Commercial Investment Real Estate Council, governing body and 1990 vice president; board of directors, Northern California CCIM chapter 1985-1993, treasurer 1986, vice president 1987 and president 1988; 1979 president Apartment Owners Association of Southern Alameda County; Southern Alameda County Association of Realtors, director at large 1994-95.

"It is important for EBCAR members to have the knowledge and resources necessary to stay ahead in this increasingly competitive marketplace," he said. "A strong educational program is one way to achieve this goal."

EBCAR officially opened its doors Jan. 1, 1995, and is currently soliciting membership. A



Wayne Rice
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Happy Anniversary, Claremont



Front row, from left: Fatima Ali, Andrea Land, Nancy Taussig, Colette Ford, Anne Van Dyke, Bebe McRae, Judith Sager; back row: Loraine Osmundson, Lori Arazi, Susie Schevill, Leslie Easterday, Manager Jim Hedges, Jacob Franz, Jerry Ratch. Not pictured: Erika Celeste, Sara Holtzapple, Wendy Kashiwa, Donna Przybylowicz.

Mason-McDuffie Real Estate is pleased to announce the one-year anniversary of its Claremont branch.

In 1994, the Claremont and Berkeley offices, which work as a team, became the number two producing office out of 51

in the company, thanks to the hard work of a crew of dedicated agents, including Mason-McDuffie's most productive agent for the past five years, Bebe McRae.

According to Claremont branch manager Jim Hedges, "We have a reputation for being a very special

office. The office has attracted many top producing agents."

Hedges currently oversees 20 agents at the Claremont branch, and hopes to have a staff of 30 by the end of the year. To make room for growth and increase visibility, the Claremont branch has recently

added a street-front office.

Founded to handle the overflow of business from Mason-McDuffie's Berkeley office, the Claremont branch works with the Berkeley location to provide service to clients in the Berkeley and Claremont areas.

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Taxes must be considered in overall investment plan

We all want to put our money to work without losing our capital. One way to help meet this objective is to invest in high-quality, tax-advantaged investments, which seek to minimize current taxes.

While investors should never make an investment based on taxes alone, the effect of taxes is an essential consideration in investment planning — just as important as yield and risk.

Continuing changes in the tax code, including the hike in Federal income tax rates in 1993, demand new strategies to help minimize the taxes on your investments.

Only you and your financial advisor can determine the most appropriate investment vehicles for your needs.

But, if you're going to invest for tax purposes, tax-exempt municipal bonds ought to be considered.

Tax-exempt municipal bonds are a fixed income investment that generate income that is generally free from federal income tax and, in many cases, state and local income taxes for residents of the states, local governments and certain public authorities. The issuer agrees to borrow your money at a specified rate and promises to return your money on the stated maturity date.

In return, you earn semi-annual interest, at the stated rate, which is considered federally tax-free.

Generally, if you purchase a municipal bond issued in your own state of residence, the interest earned is also free from state and local income taxes.

Why is this exemption so important? If you take a look at the income derived from a taxable investment, after tax, and compare it to the income derived from a tax-free investment like municipal bonds, you will see how taxes can impact the income you earn.



A Question of Money

■ LEILA GOUGH

from your investments.

Not only do many municipal bonds currently offer attractive yields, but they also become even more attractive when you compare their taxable equivalent yields to the yields of similar taxable fixed-income securities.

Assuming an investment of \$100,000, consider the following hypothetical example of the annual income from a 30-year, taxable Treasury bond with a yield of 7 percent, versus the annual income from a 30-year, tax-exempt municipal bond, yielding 6 percent. Assume the municipal bond has a credit quality of "AAA."

Based upon a 31 percent federal income tax bracket and a 6 percent state tax rate, consider what the annual income would look like from these two investments.

In this example, if the taxable Treasury bond was purchased, the income, after tax, would have been substantially lower than the "before tax" rate, simply due to paying Federal income taxes.

The income derived from the tax-exempt municipal bond was not affected by income taxes, and therefore, in the end, offered more income than the taxable Treasury bond.

If you are considering an investment in tax-exempt municipal bonds, your financial advisor can help you select the investment that is appropriate for both your income and risk objectives.

Leila Gough is a financial advisor with A.G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 273-8840.

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KENSINGTON HILLS \$350,000

Nestled in Kensington this house provides tranquility and privacy. Located on a cul-de-sac with partial view. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, a loft and 2 fireplaces. Great floor plan.

ALBANY 3 YEAR OLD \$319,000

Spacious 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home with gourmet kitchen & formal dining room. Office & library with separate entrance. Short stroll to El Cerrito Plaza.

PERFECT OWNER OCCUPIED DUPLEX \$279,500

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ALBANY, ALBANY, ALBANY \$249,000

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6035 WOOD DR, 4bd/4+ba, Trad Elegance, Fab Views The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400	\$895,000
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5301 HARBORD DR, Upr Rckrdge New Constr. 4bd/3b New Listing! \$785,000 Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460	
5811 GIRVIN DR, 4-bd/3ba, Piedmont Pines, Price Slashed!! Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667	\$750,000
5920 ROSS ST, Rckrdge Landmark! Billiard Rm, Gold Leaf Ceiling The GRUBB Company, Sheri W. Oakley 339-0400	\$699,000
2385 SCOUT RD, Pvt Retreat, 3+/-4, Remodel, 1. Wooded Acre The GRUBB Company, John Karnay/Donald Woolhouse 339-0400	\$639,000
708 GRIZZLY TERRACE, Montclair New 4bd/2ba, Den, Frml DR Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	\$579,000
4907 COCHRANE RD, New Listing! 4/2+, Views From Every Rm! The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden/John Karnay 339-0400	\$565,000
923 MOUNTAIN, New Construction 4bd/2ba, 3400 SqFt Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978	\$559,000
907 HILLCROFT CIR, Crocker Highlands 4/3, Rec Rm, Frml DR, Gdn The GRUBB Company, Susan Velt 339-0400	\$549,000
4816 PROCTOR, Stylish 3bd/3ba Med, Spectacular View/Gdn The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400	\$549,000
10008 BROADWAY TER, Newly Blt Med, Bay Views, Indoor Atrium Wells Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 035939	\$525,000
4840 PROCTOR AVE, Upr Rockridge New Executive Style 4bd/2b Prudential Landmark RE, Bob Brunner 287-9999	\$519,000
3299 BURNELL DR, 4+bd/3ba, Simply Perfect View, Rustic Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667	\$490,000
14 YANKEE HILL, Perfect 3/3 Twnhse, Hiller Hghlnds, Gourn.Kit The GRUBB Company, Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400	\$475,000
8663 SKYLINE BLVD, Montclair 4+bd/3ba w/Bay View, Nu Listing Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400	\$469,000
1864 GRANDVIEW, Lovely 3/3 Twnhm, Mstr w/Frpl/Spa Tub, View Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamerrell 339-1174	\$469,000
25 MALL COURT, 1st Open! 4bd/3ba, Mstr w/Frpl, Decks w/HotTub The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400	\$459,000
2733 DARNBY, Vintage New! 3bd/2ba, Lwr Lvl Hm Ofc, Grt Kit! The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400	\$439,000
3230 ROBINSON DR, 3bd/2ba, Loft, SF/Bay View, New Listing! Peter Ralston 530-2990 OPEN SAT 6-8:30PM & SUN NOON-3	\$437,000
1527 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4/2+, English Cottage, Pvt Lot Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Roy Pruitt 287-5904	\$399,500
5546 KALES AVE, Rockridge Br Shingle, 4bd/2ba, Home Ofc Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174	\$399,000
6060 HARBORD DR, Montclair, Custom Built 3bd/2+ba, Quality Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030	\$399,000
4021 GREENWOOD, Crocker, 4bd/4ba Quality Craftsman Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, L. Gordon/N. Moore 653-5182	\$395,000
5954 GLENARMS, 3bd/2ba, Level In Access, Hdws, Frpl The GRUBB Company, Marci Nebel 339-0400	\$389,000
3409 MONTEREY BL, Redwood Hts 4/2+ Cape Cod, Lg Lot, View Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 654-5161 MLS 037438	\$379,000
2 SELKIRK, Redwood Hts, 3bd/2+ba, English, Privacy, Deck Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460	\$369,000
3035 FRYE ST, Oakland Hills New 4bd/3ba, 2 Fireplaces Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 287-9577	\$368,000
8211 SKYLINE DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Dramatic Contemporary Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marlene Daniels 763-5807	\$359,000
25 MASONIC PL, Rockridge, A Great Buy! 4/2 OFW, Poss Lease Opt Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460	\$349,500
84 STARVIEW, New Hiller Listing, 3bd/2+ba Twnhse, Deco Perfect Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamerrell 339-1174	\$349,500
3701 BALFOUR AV, Spacious Crocker 4/1+ba, Level In, Hardwood The GRUBB Company, Marci Nebel 339-0400	\$349,000
5455 CARLTON, New Listing! Sophisticated 3/2 Rckrdge Charmer Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174	\$339,000
6081 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, Fam Rm, Deck, Viewsw! Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460	\$339,000
6125 ASCOT DR, 4bd/3ba, Sunny Courtyard Entrance, Bay View Mason-McDuffie, Elisabeth Belle 428-0900	\$329,900
4944 STONERIDGE CT, 3/2+, Canyon/Bay View, New Listing! Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460	\$329,000
6494 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines, Sharp 3/2 Ranch, Frpl Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174	\$329,000
6524 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines Rehabbed 3bd/2b w/SunRoom Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankian 339-1174	\$328,000
1 KIMBERLY CT, Pied Pines 3bd/2ba, Frpl, Frml DR, Brkfst Nook The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400	\$325,000
5709 KEITH AVE, Rockridge New Listing! 4/2 Single or Duplex Prudential Landmark RE, Bob Brunner 287-9999	\$325,000
1972 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair Tudor, 3/1, Sep Studio/Lg Lot Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127	\$324,000
3170 BURDECK DR, J. Miller Hts 4/2+, Just Listed/Grt Location! Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000	\$324,000
5710 MORAGA AV, Trees, Privacy, Huge Lot, New Kit/Baths Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400	\$319,000
1538 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker 2 Story Trad, Remod Kit, Greenhse Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174	\$319,000
6106 BULLARD DR, Montclair 3bd/3ba, Rec Rm, Hills Vista The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400	\$309,000
4101 39TH AVE, Redwd Hts 3bd/3ba, Custom Remodel, Like New Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460	\$299,950
4229 FRUITVALE, Landscaped, Deck, Workshop, Hdws, Grt Area! Wells & Bennett, Michael Childress 530-4166 MLS 037572	\$289,800
1218 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, Trad Detail, Frml LR/DR, 3/1 The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400	\$289,000
4452 EVANS, Glenview Charming 3/2 Craftsman Bungalow, Frpl Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 037572	\$289,000
6847 GUNN DR, Montclair 2bc/1ba Romantic Hideaway, Grt Deck Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460	\$285,000
4124 WATERHOUSE, Classic 3bd Oakmore Med, Original Charm Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256 MLS	\$285,000
2415 BURLINGTON, 3/3 Med, SF View, Granny Suite Possible Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 MLS 036612	\$282,900
5440 MANILA, Rockridge 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Eisenberg 486-1495	\$279,000
751 McKinley AV, China Hill 3/3 Ranch, Hdws, New Paint In/Out Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460	\$279,000
1701 MOUNTAIN BL, 3bd/2b, Artist Studio, Hot Tub, Lg Lot Realty World, D. Dunbar 450-0500 OPEN SATURDAY 2-5	\$279,000
26 GREGORY PL, Redwd Hts 3b/1+b on Cul-de-sac, Grt Patio/Yd Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460	\$275,000
5918 MARDEN LN, Priced to Sell! Montclair 3/2, Sep. 1/1 Suite Coldwell Banker, Dell M. Orr 339-1174	\$269,000
4343 EVANS AVE, Glenview, Sunny/Spacious Updtd 2/2, Detail Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174	\$265,000
8090 HANSOM, Oakland Hills, 2 Story 4/2+, Grt Separation Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, M. Wong 659-4252	\$259,950
3044 WISCONSIN ST, Redwd Hts 3/2, New Kit/Fam Rm, Lvl Out Better Homes, Marla & Randa 522-2699	\$259,900

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723 SANTA RAY, Creeker 3bd/1+ba Comfortable Home Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 669-4202

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5216 DESMOND, Rckrdge 2/1/2 Bungalow, Frpl, Frml Entry, Garden Investment House Realty, Jeanne Yeh 527-8777

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6660 HEARTWOOD DR, Charming Montclair 2bc/1ba, Deco Perfect The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

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3637 RHODA AVE, Dimond 2/1 Beautiful 2/1 Remodel + 2 Studios Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

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2541 DELMER, Lincoln Hts 3bd/1ba Traditional, Charm Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077

\$249,000

4638 GERANIUM PL, Redwd Hts Great Starter! 3/1, Frpl, Hdwd Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

\$244,000

3385 GUIDO, Redwd Hts Mist Estate 2/1 w/Detached Studio Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

\$239,500

3848 14TH AV, Glenview 2/1, PRINCIPALS ONLY, Owner Financing Reality World, M. Godans 482-0356

\$239,000

3818 ELSTON, Glenview 2bd/1ba, Frml DR, Frpl, Deck, Fruit Trees Coldwell Banker, Fiona MacIntyre 339-1174 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

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4021 CANON AV, Glenview 2/1 Home or Duplex! Sep. 1bd Rental Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

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3944 FRUITVALE AVE Dimond 3bd/1ba, Pvt Setting, Updd Kitchen Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

\$219,500

3948 CANON AVE, Glenview New 2bd, Creek/Frpl/Hrdwds Agent 436-5759 OPEN SATURDAY 3-4:30

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4357 MONTGOMERY, Piedmont Ave 2+bd/1ba Darling Starter! Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

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3467 JORDAN, Redwood Hts 3/2, Very Spacious, Extra Lg Yd Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-4218

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4014 ASPEN PL, Laurel 2/1 Lg Bungalow on Cul-de-sac, Plus Rm Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460

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3883 COOLIDGE, Laurel 2bd/1ba, New Listing! Spanish Medit. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 669-4214

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5607 CARBERRY, (dora Park 2+bd/1ba Gorgeous Med, Charm! Better Homes, Mike Harding 654-2669

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15 WESTALL AVE, Spacious 3/2 Traditional, Fin Attic, Upgrades Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174

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3009 MADELINE ST, Laurel New! Listing! 3/1 Refreshed, Move In Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

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2911 SHEFFIELD, 3 bedrooms Gadsby & Associates, Felicia Owens 658-7872

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4048 EVERETT AVE, Glenview 2bd/1ba Light/Airy Condo Pacific Union 339-6460

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3107 ARIZONA ST, Laurel 2bd/1ba, Grt Kit + Studio/Ofc, Frpl Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Kay Keran 547-3574

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2726 MADELINE, 2bd/1ba Charming Laurel Bungalow, Updd Kit Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

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654 FAIRVIEW AVE, No. Oakland 2+bd/1ba Restored Craftsman Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. A. Hammond 669-4219

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What points should building contract contain?

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Keep in mind that a contract is only as good as the people who signed it. This is very important to remember. There is very little legally required language that has to be included. You are going to be relying on the person you have decided to work with to help you understand the contract they are proposing to use.

The design professional has previous experience in many areas that you do not. They will probably present their contract, one which is a product of their past experience working with people much like you.

What are some of the points that should be addressed in the agreement? I will speak to a few that I think are very important. The items I am bringing up are those which I have learned about in my experiences as both a builder and a consumer.

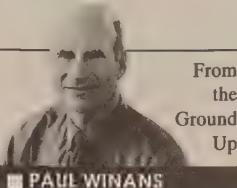
What is it that the design professional plans to do for you? Exactly what services do they offer? A partial list would include the following:

• Design development:

The beginning. Your notes and pictures which you have been collecting are reviewed by the design professional and several preliminary plans are developed for your consideration.

• Enhancing the preliminary plan:

Here is where the plan is "fleshed out." The initial drawings were probably done freehand. These drawings are probably going to be hardlined, or, in other words, done so they have straight lines and crisp corners. A preliminary list of specifications might



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now be prepared to compliment the plan you are interested in having built.

• Preparing permit drawings:

Almost any project that involves the services of a design professional will require a building permit. To get a building permit a specific set of drawings will be needed. Any project built from these drawings only will probably cause you to say at some point, "I never thought it would turn out like this!"

By the way, you might have your design professional apply for the building permit. Some offer this service. Most builders do also.

• Preparing working drawings and specifications:

From these documents it is most likely that your project can be built predictably and successfully. The pre-construction work is now complete and you understand what is going to be built.

A very important part of the design professional's job throughout this whole process is to make sure you understand the drawings. If you do not understand, let your design professional know and do not allow the process to continue

until you do.

• Ongoing involvement with project:

This can take many forms. Some design professionals will help you choose a builder. You might want the design professional to visit the site regularly during the course of construction. Most builders want the design professional to do this or at least be available to answer questions while construction is underway.

Remember, there is no such thing as a complete set of plans and specifications. The design professional's input while the project is being built is important unless you do not care that the project be as good as it possibly can be.

This is a very interactive process and requires you and your design professional to meet regularly to review the work done to date.

You might decide to contract for all, or part, of these services. The best projects, in my opinion, are those which involve the design professional from start to finish. You might ask your builder what he wants the design professional to provide.

(Next month we will talk about additional points the agreement your design professional is using should address. I bet you can think of several of them!)

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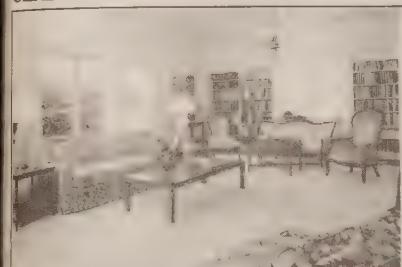
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Softball

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more. Wilkens' teammate **Meagan Drescher** followed in the next inning to loft a deep fly ball over the defense in the outfield. Her home run drove in three more runs.

The stage was set for the climactic fifth inning. In the tension-filled fifth, Liepmann lit the fireworks with a triple to right field to drive in two of the six runs in the Galaxy half of the inning. Unfortunately for the Galaxies, however, they could not hold the lead. **Elise Priebe** got the pitch she wanted and hit a rope down the third base line. Her double drove in the three of the eight-run Ace outburst that earned them the victory.

Despite the high score of this thriller, some solid defensive plays were turned in as well. Galaxy **Laura Edgar**, for example, made some stellar plays in the first inning with an assist and later an unassisted force out. Her teammate **Cecilia Thornton-Alston** accounted for the other first-inning out by tagging a runner in front of home plate.

In the next inning, Galaxy **Kelly Havens** made an unassisted out at first. Ace **Danielle Moore** answered with an incredible catch over her head. With the sun in her eyes, she snagged the drive to the ovation of the entire crowd, fans of the Galaxies and Aces alike.

Despite their respective joy and disappointment at the end of the game, the members of both teams knew that they had played a memorable dual and they all held their heads high.

The Yen Ching Dragon-Drs. Brennan's Smilemaker contest, with its high score, mirrored the game between Five Star Video and Alta Bates. Although the Smilemakers won 22-16, the game was more closely contested than the Smilemakers margin of victory might indicate. It was not until the sixth and final inning, when the Smilemakers' offense exploded for a bevy of runs, that the spread was significant. Despite a spirited effort by the Dragons in the bottom of the sixth, the Smilemakers snuffed out any hope of victory for the Dragons.

The Smilemakers jumped to an early lead in the first few innings. After they scored six runs in the first inning, the Smilemakers returned in the second with seven more runs. Smilemaker **Amy Strauss** led off the second when she stung a ball to left field for a double. In the third, her teammate **Sara Corrigan-Gibbs** drilled a double of her own to center field. And in the fourth, **Sophia Simon-Ortiz** drove in two runs with a line shot triple to right field and then **Jamie Kline** doubled home another run.

Trailing early, the Dragons whittled away the big Smilemaker lead. In the first, **Jennie Wheeler-Stein** drilled a two-run single to right field. In the next inning, **Liana Cavness** hit a two-run single to left. Then in the third, **Autumn Miley-Boland** sliced a two-run single to left. Finally, in the fourth inning, **Rachel Schlessinger** nailed a two-run single to left.

Meanwhile, the Dragon defense intensified. Pitcher **Anna Leff-Kich** made a series of outstanding plays. Third-basewoman **Olivia Rivera** shored up the infield and made two sensational putouts. Slowly but surely, it appeared that the Dragons were in a position to take the lead.

It was in their half of the sixth, however, that the Smilemakers broke the game open. With the bases loaded, **Julia Meese** smoked a grounder to bring in two runs. **Julie Jones** followed with a towering double to center field that drove in another run.

Meanwhile, the Smilemakers' defense kept the Dragons from roaring. In the bottom of the fourth, pitcher **Sasha Atkins-Loria** and first-sacker **Vanessa Pratt** combined to shore up the defense. And in the next inning, shortstop **Kline** displayed her powerful arm with a fireball to first to get the first Dragon out. Throughout the game, the steady fielding of firstbasewoman **Caitlin Goetz** anchored the infield as she seemed to catch everything thrown her way.

The final weekend contest of the Younger Division pitted the Tiddlywinks Tigers against the Mason-McDuffie Hornets. The game, in which the Tigers bested the Hornets 25-14 on sun-drenched Tassajara Field, was distinguished by spectacular fielding and clutch hitting.

The Tigers roared early, scoring six runs in the first inning on solid singles by **Mira Danish**, **Lydia Ray**, **Amelia Post**, **Sarah Fong**, **Emma Kemp**, **Samatha Bell** and **Kirsten Bender**.

Then in the bottom of the inning, the Tigers snuffed out a potential Hornet rally with a sensational sliding catch by **Raya** for the third out.

The Hornets buzzed back in the third. A double by **Gillian Suslow**, and singles by **Meghan Harrington**, **Lindsay Spolarik**, **Talia Kostick** and **Hannah Hausauer** contributed to a six run outburst by Mason-McDuffie. But the Tiddlywinks Tigers countered in their part of the inning when they posted seven runs on 10 hits and in the fourth when **Emma Kemp** capped a six-run Tiger rally with a bases-loaded double.

The fourth was the inning of outstanding defense. Hornet second basewoman **Merrily Grashin** made a marvelous play when she snagged a fly ball from her infield position. Then Hornet left-field **Anna Meister**

smartly backed up on an overthrow ball to second and thus save two runs from scoring. On the Tiger side, **Rebecca Williams** made a magnificent one-handed catch of a line drive to end a Hornet scoring threat.

Middle Division

Unlike the Younger Division and their high-scoring games, the three Middle Division contests, dominated by stellar defense and superb pitching, did not see as many runs. Although fewer runs were scored in this division, however, the games yet again were close. As spectators watched nervously, the players showed remarkable poise throughout.

The Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars edged the Nolo Sharks 14-2 in a closely-contested pitcher's duel. The game was tight early as defense and pitching dominated. Sharks third basewoman **Hebron Viray** squelched a Molar rally when she caught a hard line drive in the second inning. Marissa Barbero played the role of stopper in the next inning when she relieved a tired pitcher.

With the bases loaded and only one out, Barbero struck out the first batter she faced. Then she ended the inning when she fielded an infield chopper and got the runner at first. Despite Barbero's heroics, the damage had been done.

After doubling in the first inning to drive in a run, Molar slugger **Marisol Quinonez** doubled to right in the third to knock in two more. Then Courtney Rudd stung a double to the outfield which drove in two more runs. The Molar pitchers took care of the rest.

A trio of hurlers for the Molars didn't give the Shark batters much to hit. Johanna Hoch set the tone in the second inning when she struck out the side. She was followed by **Julietta Strauss**, who possesses a fastball that is almost unhittable. Throwing smoke, Strauss quickly set down three Sharks in their half of the fourth.

Emma Silver, making her pitching debut, looks like a hurler with potential. Molar watchers should expect to see more of her in the future.

In the second weekend battle in the Middle Division, the Andronicos Gourmet Cheetahs and Sweet Potatoes squared off in sunny Codornices park in a morning game that was perfect weatherwise. Characteristic of the contests overall, the game was close throughout.

By virtue of a six-run outburst in the second inning, the Sweet Potatoes were able to build up a substantial lead and hold off the hungry Cheetahs to win by a 9-7 score. After scoring one run in the first, the Sweet Potatoes saw their bats come alive in the sixth run second. The rally began with a single by **Melissa Purbaugh**. She was moved to second by **Susannah Schnick**, who walked. Delesha Hamilton followed with a single to right field on which Purbaugh scored and sent Schnick to second.

Another single by **Ariella Zemach-Bersin** drove in Schnick and put runners at the corners for Portia Davis who came through with yet another single and yet another RBI for the Sweet Potatoes. With two women on, **Rebecca Louie** singled to load the bases. **Georgina Goldstein** singled in one run and **Lane Williams** got solid aluminum on the ball to drive in Davis and Louie.

After scoring seven runs in the first two innings, the Cheetahs knew they had to shut down the Sweet Potatoes for the rest of the game. The Sweet Potatoes knew they had to play strong defense to fend off any Cheetah rally.

Both teams came through. In the fourth inning, Cheetah **Molly Knobler** caught two pop flies to account for two puts outs unassisted. In the next inning, Cheetah hurler **Naomi Rosenberg** struck out two batters and fielded another ground ball that she threw to the first for the putout.

The Cheetahs, moreover, mounted several strong challenges to the Sweet Potato lead. **Chelsea Zussman** came up to the plate in the third inning with the bases loaded and calmly slammed a stand-up double to center field to drive in three runs. But in the end, the Sweet Potatoes were able to hold off the Cheetah challenge. It remained for Sweet Potato pitcher **Sonia Douglass** to slam the door on the Cheetah bats in the fifth inning when she struck out the side to end the Cheetah hopes.

The third contest between the Autumn Press Babes of Ruth and the Colleen Brown Magnolias also featured tough defense and strong play in the field. Like the Andronico's-Sweet Potatoes game, a big second inning set the tone of the game. Three runs scored by the Magnolias in the bottom of the second gave them a solid lead.

Yet unlike the Sweet Potatoes, the Magnolias were unable to hold the lead and the Babes of Ruth came back strong in their half of the third to score four runs of their own. The game was nip and tuck from then on. While both teams played well throughout the game, the Autumn Press Babes of Ruth ultimately edged the Magnolias 7-4.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the second inning in part because of some great glove work in the field. In the top of the second inning, **Laura Weitzman**, the first-bagger for the Magnolias, caught a pop fly and then fired it to pitcher **Erica Noble**, who smartly was covering first on the play, to double up a Babe of Ruth.

The momentum inspired by the sound defense carried over when the Magnolias' came to bat in their part of

the second inning. The Magnolias rally began when Noble hit a hard grounder to drive in the team's first run. Then **Megan Quirolo** crossed home plate on Weitzman's hit to give the Magnolias a two-run lead. Another run scored on **Natalie Hecker**'s single so that the inning ended with **Colleen Brown** on top, 3-0.

In the very next inning, however, The Autumn Press Babes came back strong. Alice Brugger singled to left to drive in the first run. **Kyle Kemp** doubled to center to drive in three runs.

And **Erica Framsted** hit well throughout the game, drilling a single and a double, driving in three runs and scoring two runs of her own. Only through exceptional defensive play, led by Magnolia pitcher **Katie Eames**, was the Autumn Press rally squelched. Still, the four-run outburst gave them a 4-3 lead over their Magnolia rivals.

The remainder of the game was nip-and-tuck and it was only due to outstanding defensive play on the part of Autumn Press that kept them in the lead. Courtney Draggie fielded a ground ball drilled up the middle to throw a runner out at third. Rightfielder Brugger threw out a runner at first and then made an exceptional running catch. And Kemp shut the door on the Magnolias by pitching two masterful innings giving up not a single run.

Older Division

With five teams in the Older Division, only two games were played over the weekend. The players on Jesse Young Construction were idle and they watched as the other four teams battled one another in two interesting contests.

In the first game in the Older Division, the Nelson, Meyer and Ung Bandits hosted Jane Hammond Events at King Junior High Field. After scoring three runs and taking a 3-2 lead in the first, the Bandits watched Jane Hammond explode for nine runs in second and four more in the third to amass an insurmountable lead and ultimately emerge victorious by a score of 19-5. Although this was a high-scoring game, its outcome was decided more by gutsy baserunning and outstanding defense than by heavy hitting.

The Nelson, Meyer and Ung Bandits got off to a fast start. They held the Events to two runs with stunning catches by right-fielder **Kim Noble** who robbed Events' Haley Jones of a hit when she snagged a fly. Then in their half of the first, the Bandits scored three runs off six hits, including doubles by **Julia Sheng** and **Karina Stenquist**, and singles by **Kristie Komendant**, **Kim Noble**, **Leah Ingram** and **Sharmila Wallace**.

The Bandits could not hold their lead in the top of the second when the Events tallied nine runs. The tone was set by the gutsy baserunning of **Jessie Kearse**. In both the first and second innings, she slid headfirst under the tag at home to score twice. The power was supplied by **Tiffany Davis**, who got two hits and three RBI for the game.

With a comfortable lead, the Events used an amazing string of outstanding defensive plays to frustrate the Bandits, who were stinging the ball all over the field. Kearse played sterling defense at short in the bottom of the second, stopping two sharply hit balls and throwing to Jones at first.

Then in the next inning, Bandit Sonja Douglass laced a ball to right center field that Kearse caught and threw to second to double up a runner.

The Events defense frustrated the Bandits yet again in the fourth. With two on base, **Erin Goodson** caught a hard line drive and doubled up a runner on third for another double play. The Jane Hammond Events got the win, while the Nelson, Meyer and Ung Bandits were forced to ponder the might-have-beens in a game where they pounded the ball but where their opponent made remarkable plays.

The other Older Division game pitted Red Oak Realty against Vincent and Gerst at Berkeley High Field. Having suffered a loss the day before to the Events, Red Oak Realty played well from the very beginning charging out to a comfortable lead. They ended the game with only eight players, but with an 18-9 victory over their Vincent and Gerst rivals.

The Red Oak Realty got off quickly in the first and used strong pitching and defense to throttle the Vincent and Gerst batters early. **Amanda Cherrin** pitched a steady first inning and she was followed by **Stephanie Wong** who pitched another couple of strong innings. In a two-inning stretch, Wong struck out three. Solid defense complemented Red Oak Realty pitching.

In the second inning, second-basewoman **Emilie Louie** stopped a hard line drive and threw the runner out at first. The Vincent and Gerst defense made some notable plays early. **Erica Danielson** tagged a runner at home in the second inning. Then Vincent and Gerst began to show some signs of life.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth, **Sophia Rivera** laced a frozen rope in the right-center field gap for a triple to drive in three runs. In the next inning, the Vincent and Gerst bats came alive again. A series of singles by **Becky Waxman**, **Olga Noris**, **Tamara Goldin** and **Danielson** gave the Vincent and Gerst backers hope, but Red Oak Realty with its big lead was able to shut the door on this rally too. Vincent and Gerst lost, but they showed a remarkable sportsmanship.

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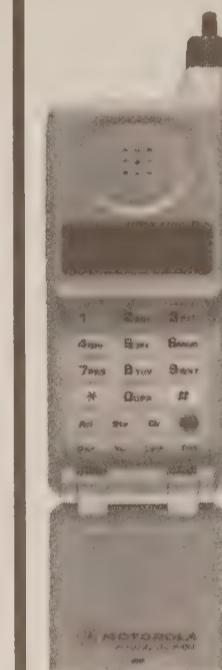


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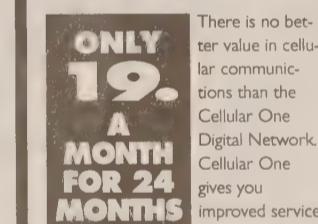
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401 Help Wanted

SMALL Insurance office needs file clerk/administrative assistant Full-time 652-9414

SOCIAL Worker for older adult services: half-time position, MSW, 2 years experience, computer literate, CDA, and car with insurance required. \$13,561 yearly. Cover letter and resume to: L. Palos, BACS, P.O. Box 2268, Oakland, 94602-0169 EOE

STOCK Clerk \$6.80/ hour to start. Wages increased in three months! 6 months, 1 week position after one year. Medical Insurance available. Assistant to the manager. Duties include: stocking shelves in Oakland El Cerrito, including cash register and merchandising duties. Full-time schedule. Must be honest, friendly, self-starter Able to lift 50 pounds. High school diploma desired. Relaxed experience helpful. Send resume to Pet Food Store: 6000 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530

TEACHER: summer school, chemistry, physical science, credential required. Call Mrs. Reddick Piedmont Unified Schools, 420-3611 AA/EOE

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UROLOGY office, front and back, computer billing experience References 639-2650

WAITRESS/ water needed, flexible hours, friendly environment, great place to work. Apply 4212 Park Blvd

402 Independent Employment

\$40,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL Home typist/ PC Users Toll free 800-898-9778, ext. T-7057 for listings.

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

ENVIRONMENTAL company will train you to manage your own business. Must be highly motivated! For interviewing hours call Marie, (510)245-3412

HOME TYPISTS Persons needed \$45,000 income potential. Call (905)962-8000 ext. B-22136.

RETAIL sales and customer service, 40 positions available, full or part-time work. No experience necessary, thorough training provided. Start at \$10.50. Call 932-5130

403 Salon Opportunities

MULTI-CULTURAL salon in great location, seeks experienced, professional haircutter and manicurist. For station lease (510)653-6666

SALON leasing only. Reasonable rates, 2 stations located in Piedmont. Heavy foot traffic. Contact 653-7002

NOW hiring licensed hairdresser for assistant trainee position. Contact Terri, Alexander Pope, 601-5220

TOP salon of Montclair needs full and part-time positions for hairdressers and a manicurist. 339-1365

405 Employment Exchange

EXPERT gardener in exchange for room, reduced rent. Torrie 522-8234. Answering Machine

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

PERSONAL Chef. Delicous, nutritious, low fat Thai, Indian, Mexican, Dean Ornish. Excellent references Susan 528-7065

EDUCATED, creative and self-motivated genius seeks patron while she writes autobiography. Fund will be reimbursed from proceeds of sale of book. Need \$1500-2000 a month for 1 year. Excellent references, experience as journalist, Ph.D course work completed. Call 530-6955 for details

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

PERSONAL Caregiver needed by wheelchair-paraplegic. Oakland woman in exchange for good room, food, salary and free time. For details call Jan at 524-0723 or leave message at 652-5102

HOMEMAKER/ Attendant/ Companion. Senior handicapped male. Live-in, cook, drive. Experienced, references, non-smoking. Message: 286-7665

409 Childcare Wanted

LIVE-IN Nanny. Includes salary, room, board. Part-time, car. Rhonda/ Michael 539-3961

NANNIES NEEDED

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 559-9195.

MATURE, non-smoking Nanny, full-time, Albany family. Must have car. Salary/holidays. 652-1229, 524-5573

GLENVIEW childcare for infant, full-time, live-out. COL. car. Must love babies. References: 530-3644

20 MONTHS childcare/ household assistance in exchange for room, board. Salary for additional hours. Monday-Friday before 9 a.m., after 6 p.m. Car required. Own room, bath, entrance. Lovely home, great kids 4, 6 510-482-2475.

FULL-TIME Nanny needed for 2 children this summer June 19- September 1. Weekdays 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Enthusiastic, English speaking, car a must 339-8948

NANNY, live-in, 10 month old daughter, beautiful upper Rockridge home. Espanol welcome. Merle 339-7676

LIVE-IN nanny for 3 year old energetic, bright boy in Upper Montclair beginning June 1. Full-time summer. 80% time during fall, car with gas allowance, other fringe benefits. Must have CDL, citizen or work papers. (415)542-1650

NANNYS needed. Full-time, part-time, live-in or out. Must have experience, references and car required. No fee. Be In Our Care Agency, 933-2273

LIVE-IN live-out, nice family seeks full-time Au Pair for toddler girl. 769-6270.

FULL-TIME nanny, live-out, in Oakland home for 2 girls. Car, English necessary. Hours vary. 287-5753

CHILDCARE, 3 children for summer. French speaking a plus. Car a must. Montclair. 339-7301.

CHILDCARE for 3 and 6 year girls, Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m. Car required, pick up children, babysit, run errands. Must have experience, references: 339-3582

WANTED: part-time babysitter for 2 children, Berkeley area. References 649-0857.

LIVE-IN nanny for 9 year old boy. Housekeeping, cooking, errands for single mom. Must drive, non-smoking. Room, board, salary 510-834-1092

NANNY jobs: Mothers-In-Deed has immediate openings in East Bay, full-time and part-time, top salaries (415)461-7755.

PART-TIME childcare, 3 year olds, Berkeley. Must drive. Tuesday-Friday 2-7 p.m. 869-4662.

CHILDCARE wanted North Berkeley 2 girls 5, 8. Monday-Friday afternoons. Start June 5. Summer only option available. Excellent English, references, driving record required. 527-8376

409 Childcare Wanted

WARM, playful childcare, 4 year girl. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, begin 3 p.m., more hours possible. Berkeley. Car, English speaking. 526-1911.

LOVING family seeks au pair, 2 school age children ages 10 and 8. References: (510)530-8554.

411 Childcare - Licensed

DUCK Soup Family Day Care now enrolling Summer/Fall. #10123095 653-7430

INFANT toddler, care experienced couple provider, safe and healthy environment, flexible hours. License #01214548, 530-1660.

OVER Rainbow Daycare Loving, lightly structured pre-school activities, outings. Credentialed teacher, Deborah, 339-2066. License #01020890

412 Babysitting Offered

RESPONSIBLE, loving babysitter available Over 20 years experience. Prefer share position. Your house, 4-5 full days. References: Wendy 213-0558

WONDERFUL babysitter available May 15. I am moving. Call for information on my terrific caregiver. 531-6071.

NANNY, Lots of experience, CPR, excellent references. Pre-school training. Live in or out. 547-0673

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24-hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly, disabled, handicapped in the comfort and security of their own home Bonded and Insured 510-655-4704

HOME Health Caregiver with household management skills for immediate, extended families References, Integrity, Transportation, 444-7371

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Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

ALAMEDA professional home care aide seeks room and board, small salary in exchange for sleep-over care. 30 years experience, good references. Call Katherine 510-559-9567

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502 Business Opportunities & Services

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

QUIET, self-employed male, non-smoker seeks quiet rental situation. Prefer cottage, but open-minded. Can afford any rent. David 653-0445.

503 GREAT TENANTS ARE HARD TO FIND

Couple with toddler seeks 2+ bedroom flat or house. Gas appliances, quiet, near Rockridge BART, yard. Great references. Long-term only Call Katherine 510-559-9567

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504 SINGLE male and 2 housekeepers, sociable dogs welcome

Seeking male and 2 housekeepers, sociable dogs welcome. Both can cook. Can pay to \$1000 I'm a general contractor, can maintain a house or property. David (415)662-2561

505 WONDERFUL tenants will maintain your home beautifully.

Responsible professional couple 30's seek quiet, secure home. Montclair, North Berkeley, Alameda, El Cerrito, Rockridge, Elmwood. Girls preferred. Quiet 2+ bedrooms. Maximum \$1500. 653-1646

506 CLERGY couple seeks North Oakland/ Berkeley flat, large cottage by June 20th. Mary Elyn and Jeff (510)568-1855

507 TWO retired women and grandchild seek sunny three bedroom Oakland home. Long term lease 530-9508

508 PROFESSIONAL couple at Oakland Childrens Hospital, seeking rental 1 bedroom duplex. 2 bedrooms. Maximum \$600 per month. North Oakland/South Berkeley. Please call Sister Diane at 658-0441.

509 PERSONAL couple seeks 2+ bedroom flat or house. Gas appliances, quiet, near Rockridge BART, yard. Great references. Long-term only Call Katherine 510-559-9567

510 SILENT CLAREMONT area, spacious, convenient to campus, College Avenue shops, transportation. Large yard, quiet, all utilities included. Newly remodeled 843-9290

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\$585 ONE bedroom, carpeting, off-street parking, nice backyard. Laundry. Excellent location, Grand Lake area. 523-5351

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\$595 ONE bedroom, Studio \$495. Quite, clean, near Lake, parking available, bus, carpool, stores, 763-5754

\$595 UNFURNISHED 1 bedroom, quiet, secure building, carpet, drapes, parking. Near Piedmont Ave. 658-0964

\$600 HALF MONTH FREE RENT

Sunny, spacious, Lake view, wall-to-wall carpet. Pet utilities. Laundry. Clean, quiet, secured building. Walk to bus, shopping, restaurant, Lake 763-6274

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\$600 CHARMING downstairs flat. Fireplace, hardwoods, dining or plus room. Stained glass, large kitchen, yard. Alarm. 1933 11th Ave. 833-3436

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\$600 PIEDMONT border. Immaculate, spacious, sunny top floor, mt overlooking pool/ view. Fresh paint, new blinds, sauna, security garage. 653-5011

\$600 QUIETLY

Near Piedmont, large, sunny, dining area, dishwasher, balcony, considerate neighbors. Quiet, modern building, commute buses, walk. Piedmont shopping. Quiet pet. Apartment only. 3900 Harbin. 654-1874 Early June

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Quiet, immaculate, 1 bedroom, garage, cable, large closets. Attractive quality building. 632-3733

\$600 \$850 ONE, 2 bedroom, near Piedmont, quiet, garage, A/EK, laundry, balcony. No pets. 652-5298

\$600 UPPER Lakeshore Grand, near Piedmont Patio, pool A/EK, Intercom, parking available. Fantastic area. 465-3648

\$600 21 BRIGHT, clean, roomy. Warfield near Manana. New carpet, gas stove, well-maintained Victorian building. 839-3068

\$600 LAKESHORE, spacious 1 bedroom, top floor. Balcony, carpet, drapes, garage, elevator. No pets. 834-5377

\$600 MONTCLAIR Snake Road. Furnished bedroom in private home. Private bath. Sun porch. Parking. (510)339-1019

\$600 NEAR Piedmont, sunny, partial view, balcony, Cable, mini-blinds, parking, laundry. 765 Kingstone. References 254-3263

\$600 OFF Piedmont Ave. Quiet, sunny, large, carpet, laundry room, good transportation and shopping. 428-4913.

\$600 25 QUIET SECURE BUILDING

Marble entry, hardwood floors with new carpet. Four walk-in closets, just redecorated, new bath and kitchen, new appliances. Laundry on premises, most utilities included inside parking. Extra large apartment. 893-1826

\$600 255 UPRIVER 1 bedroom, sunny, quiet, top floor, balcony, carpet, drapes, garage, elevator. No pets. 834-5377

\$600 255 MONTCLAIR Snakes Road. Furnished bedroom in private home. Private bath. Sun porch. Parking. (510)339-1019

\$600 255 NEAR PIEDMONT, large, sunny, formal dining, laundry, secure entrance/ parking. SF bus, shopping. 428-4913

\$600 255 TOWER 1 bedroom, quiet, sunny, large, carpet, laundry room, good transportation and shopping. 428-4913.

\$600 BRIDGE TO BRIDGE VIEW

Very large, quiet, sunny, top floor, corner unit, with separate vanity area. Birch wood cabinetry, carpet and mini-blinds throughout, garbage, water and parking included. Pets okay. No dogs 420-1350.

\$600 255 PIEDMONT border. Spacious, sunny, quiet. Large deck, parking, closets galore. excellent location. 428-1242

\$600 255 CHINA Hill large 1 bedroom plus study in 1920's building, 9' ceiling, bay windows, sunny, quiet, new paint and blinds, good neighborhood, garden. 655-7771

\$600 255 EXTRA large, sunny, Spanish-style, 1 bedroom, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, large windows. All utilities included. Near Lake. 834-6648

\$600 255 LUXURY APARTMENT

285 Lee St. - 1 bedroom, newer building. Quiet Best Adams Point location. Balcony, walk-in closet, microwave, parking, laundry. Must See! Call 465-3046

\$600 255 GLENVIEW secluded, quiet, clean, new carpet, blinds, large kitchen, garage parking. 833-1956, after 4.

\$600 EXCELLENT LOCATION

Grand Lake above MacArthur. Top floor. Light, bright, sparkling clean. Huge living room, large kitchen, bath. Generous closets. Laundry. Quiet, secure, owner managed. Fiveplex. No pets. 937-8944

\$600 SPECTACULAR LAKE VIEW

Bright 1 bedroom in small building with hardwoods, balcony, tile kitchen/bath, garage, laundry parking. 832-5128

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\$600 ADAMS Point, remodeled Victorian, new paint, newly painted. Levolors, 3 large closets. 832-5128

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\$1200 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, Upper Laurel Area. Nice, quiet neighborhood, fireplace, laundry hook-up, kitchen appliances Included. Call Michael 531-7005

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\$1293 THREE bedroom, 2/2 bath, Grand Lakeshore, large deck, garage, no pets, available immediately, 415-564-5030

\$1300 DRIVE by 4701 Lincoln Ave. (across from Mormon Temple). One level, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace and Bay view. Garage Prefer lease Available now 531-3400

\$1350 PIEDMONT Ave area, 3 bedroom Victorian charmer. Hardwood floors, formal dining, fireplace, generous kitchen, gas stove, sunny deck and garden Peaceful cul-de-sac. Off-street parking. Kramer Real Estate 946-5200. Evenings 939-3077

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\$1500 PIEDMONT 3 bedroom home, fireplace, hardwood. All major appliances. References 653-6883

\$1500 MONTCLAIR charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, fireplace, double garage. Decks, wood view Washer/ dryer, dishwasher 415-692-3542

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\$1700 LOVELY Ridgemont contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, good floor plan formal dining, eat-in kitchen, laundry room, attached 2-car garage, Agent, May 531-7005

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\$1795 MONTCLAIR, 3 bedroom 2 baths. Dramatic contemporary, 3 fireplaces, 3 large decks, hardwood floors, garage, huge garden/ gardener, spacious master suite. Walk to village Non-smoking, no pets 339-1285

\$1800 RIDGEMONT, Oakfield Hills, 2/2 bath, fireplace, decks, spectacular views, easy commute, prestigious neighborhood 531-636-1983

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\$1500 HOUSE for lease, 4 bedrooms, Canyon view, 3- car parking, spacious. 49 Knollridge Plaza 874-0733. Office 465-7988, Peter

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\$435 ALAMEDA Victorian Mansion Beautiful, 2 fireplaces, large backyard with gardens, trees Must see 769-9229

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\$350 RICHMOND View house, large 1 bedroom plus, professional, non-smoking/ drugs, transportation. Utilities included 236-2897

\$650 EL CERRITO Hills Very special, Bay view, own bath Washer/ dryer, deck, share kitchen with clean, compatible housemate 526-0511

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\$325 SMALL room, beautiful home, view, sunny, cathedral ceilings, hardwood, fireplace, laundry. Share with female grad students/ professionals, nonsmokers 654-5839

\$335 PRIVATE sunny room in spacious Oakland Hills home. Lightly furnished. Work off rent 430-0853

\$350 PLUS utilities. Near Montclair village Bay view, quiet, secluded, sunny deck, patio, non-smoking, laundry, furnished/unfurnished. June 1 339-2396

\$355 MONTCLAIR beautiful view home. Furnished room, share bath. Fireplace, carpets, decks, laundry. Clare 531-0923

\$400 MORMON Temple area Sunny bedroom, beautiful home shared with 2 adults. Yard, laundry. 530-5080

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\$435 PLUS deposit. Hardwood floors, decorator kitchen, 2 baths, basement, mid-sized yard, laundry 632-6692

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Teresa Marie Baker, 127 Maine Avenue, Richmond, CA 94701
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 18, 1995.
The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2313
The Name of the Business:
Insurex USA Corp., 4907 Central Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Malaytex USA, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1995.
The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995.

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF LOIS B. HAMILIN
Case Number P95-00716**

This notice is required by law. This notice does not require you to appear in court, but you may attend the hearing if you wish.

1. Notice is given that Linda Berry has filed Petition for Probate of Will and Codicil.
2. You may refer to the filed documents for further particulars. (All of the case documents filed with the court are available for examination in the case file kept by the court clerk.)

3. A HEARING on the matter will be held as follows:

Date: June 1, 1995, Time: 11 AM

Dept.: 51, Room: B001

Address of court is 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94552

Date: April 27, 1995

Attorney: W. A. GREGORY

This notice was mailed on April 27, 1995 at Martinez, California.

The Journal, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2314
The Name of the Business:
Bay Area Account Services, 529 South 29th Street, Richmond, CA 94804

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Jacqueline Weston, 529 South 29th Street, Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1995.

The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2315
The Name of the Business:
The Grocery Discounter, 1630 N. Main Street, Suite 412, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
James A. Nosek, 1833 Stratton Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1995.

The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2316
The Name of the Business:
1) Independent Telecommunication Services 2)
ITS, 14 El Patio, Orinda, CA 94563

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Wilfredo Soucy, 14 El Patio, Orinda, CA 94563

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1995.

The Journal May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2317
The Name of the Business:
K T Enterprises, 929 Dewing Avenue #C, Lafayette, CA 94549

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Thomas Ridgway Woodburn, 929 Dewing Avenue #C, Lafayette, CA 94549

Keir Woodburn, 929 Dewing Avenue #C,

Woodburn, 929 Dewing Avenue #C,

This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 10, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2246
The Name of the Business:
Computer Maintenance Service, 813 Bank Drive, Richmond, CA 94806

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2074
The Name of the Business:
A. Bell Vision, 1572-D Sycamore, Suite 336, Hercules, CA 94547

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
John C. Cordes, 100 Opal Court, Hercules, CA 94547

Nedine E. Anderberg, 58 Glenwood, Hercules, CA 94547

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2551
The Name of the Business:
Strong & Associates, 2 Kenston Court, Clayton, CA 94561-4116

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Matthew John Strong, Jr., 2 Kenston Court, Clayton, CA 94517

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 27, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2129
The Name of the Business:
Janey's Garden, 3532 Halifax Way, Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Jang E. Hampon, 3532 Halifax Way, Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2018
The Name of the Business:
R & M Crafts' Amore, 2471 Oakley Road, Oakley, CA 94561-4116

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:

Rita Giuliano, 2471 Oakley Road, Oakley, CA 94561

Martin Pitkin, 1542 Amapola Street, Vacaville, CA 95687

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 3, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2058
The Name of the Business:
Gifted Gifts by grace, 201 Sharon Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Grace A. Zimmerman, 201 Sharon Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 4, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2175
The Name of the Business:
Sky Enterprise, 1461 Treat Blvd., Suite 717, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Dong Y. Park, 1461 Treat Blvd., #717, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 10, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2075
The Name of the Business:
Nectar Sportsware, 649 Miner Road, Orinda, CA 94563

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Sarah Padgham, 649 Miner Road, Orinda, CA 94563

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 5, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2076
The Name of the Business:
Nectar Sportsware, 649 Miner Road, Orinda, CA 94563

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Sarah Padgham, 649 Miner Road, Orinda, CA 94563

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 5, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2075
The Name of the Business:
Nectar Sportsware, 649 Miner Road, Orinda, CA 94563

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Sarah Padgham, 649 Miner Road, Orinda, CA 94563

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 5, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

Public Notices**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 95-2317
The Name of the Business:
EZ Way Courier & Delivery, 1514 Farm Bureau Rd., Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Shawn Faizi, 1514 Farm Bureau Rd., Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 10, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2318
The Name of the Business:
Computer Independent Dealer, 60 San Vicente Ct., Danville, CA 94526-3000

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:

Thomas Andrew Pintasilo, 60 San Vicente Ct., Danville, CA 94526-3000

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 27, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Horizon Environmental Company, 125 Crestridge Drive, Danville, CA 94560

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:

Thomas N. Lin, 2365 Royal Oaks Drive, Alamo, CA 94545

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Thomas C. Cheng, 125 Crestridge Drive, Danville, CA 94560

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., 1521 Mission Street, Bldg. B, Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., Incorporated in California.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Smart Shopper Publications, 132 Hall Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Ellie Samimi, 132 Hall Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

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The Name of the Business:
California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., 1521 Mission Street, Bldg. B, Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., Incorporated in California.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Smart Shopper Publications, 132 Hall Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Ellie Samimi, 132 Hall Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Little Fokko Day Care, 5113 Fallon Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

Vernita Ann Rayon, 5113 Fallon Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Jazz Professor Records, 6612 Hagen Blvd., E

Public Notices**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
Check Cashing Stores, Inc., 1855-A Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., Incorporated in California.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1995.

The Journal May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-2319
The Name of the Business:
California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., 1521 Mission Street, Bldg. B, Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:

California Check Cashing Stores, Inc., Incorporated in California.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra

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Saturn SL Sedan - American to the bone

David Fetherston

The small range of Saturn automobiles may look and feel like Japanese imports but by now most people know that they are designed and built in America.

Saturn's huge sales promotion advertising campaigns over the past three years have focused on American heritage, safety and value for money. Without question they are offering everything they claim in their ad campaigns - just how good are these new automobiles?

It might be that they are just what the market is looking for! I've asked it many times; "I should buy an American but I can't find anything that matches up to the Japanese cars." I know that's not an argument these days as Detroit offers a range of excellent domestic automobiles. The new American automobile strengthens my belief that American manufacturers can, and do, build a decent product.

Over the past three years, on

regular test drive cycle, I've driven every model Saturn has offered and I've discovered how good they are when compared to similarly equipped Hondas, Mazdas and Nissans. My

sedan came loaded with a list

of standard and optional features ranging from stereo/tape, instrumentation, seat height adjuster, tinted glass and stainless steel exhaust - to full 5 mph impact bumpers, for a base price

\$11,995.

It was optioned up with the #2 options package of power locks

windows, alloy wheels and

climate control plus air condition-

ing, power sunroof, anti-lock

brakes, traction control and a sur-

round sound system upgrade.

I shifted the price up a good

bit to just over \$16,465 but pack-

ing this way the Saturn had all

the best safety, performance and

comfort features.

The build quality and general

assembly of the Saturn has im-

proved with the '95 model as have

many features. Dual air bags are

standard as well as conven-

tional three-point safety belts up

front. Gone are the motorized/

normal shoulder seatbelts which I

disliked since their introduc-

tion.

Saturn has tuned the suspen-

sion to produce a good balance of

handling and ride quality. The SL

rides softer than the Saturn

Coupe with its nifty sporty han-

but the sedan delivers a han-

dling package that provides a good

amount of cornering and ride for

most drivers.

Saturn now features three body

types: a five passenger four-door

car, a four passenger coupe and

a station wagon.

Saturn uses Pontiac's proven

spaceframe construction with

rust-proof, dent-resistant

plastic polymer panels for all ver-

tical surfaces. This enabled the

designers at Saturn to easily achieve aerodynamic panel shapes that

pleasing on the car.

The aggressive rake of the

dash and wrap-around

glass enhances the feeling of

interior spaciousness. The in-

terior is well detailed and looks very

much like a layout you would find

in some of the Japanese competi-

tors. Even the texture of the plas-

tic dash and door surfaces and the

leather fabric looks like an im-

pressive interior.

The simple dash layout is pleasant.



Saturn SL Sedan

ing with readable instruments and a steering wheel fitted with a tilt column. The front seats have plenty of adjustments and even the rear seats offer enough space for two medium-sized adults with three being a squeeze for short trips only. Three young children will have little problem sitting in the back but if they grow to be ABA players you will need to trade up.

All these comments about "looking imported" are part of Saturn's game to attract customers. However, the Saturn is not "just a presentation designed to give an impression," it is a worthy competitor.

Two engines are offered, both four-cylinder. Fitted to my test drive Sedan was the optional uprated L4 twin-cam 1.9 liter four-cylinder front-drive engine. It is rated at 124 horsepower with 122 foot pounds of torque.

This engine, in combination with the well engineered shifter for the five-speed transaxle, does a fine job of getting the Saturn moving down the road.

While it is no hell-cat, the Twin Cam sedan feels peppy on the open road or cruising about town. Under heavy acceleration the power train does give off some noise but nothing more than the competition.

The engine block, crank, rods and pistons are made in Saturn's own foundry. The company uses the very latest "lost-foam" casting techniques which produce a beautiful quality and intricate light-weight casting. These castings are so refined that apart from machining mating surfaces and bore hole work, they require no other preparation before installation.

The Saturn's performance can

be measured in two values: EPA projected economy is noted at 25 city/35 highway and performance has a zippy 9.2 seconds for 0 to 60 mph. Excellent numbers for any daily driver.

Out on the open road the SL

cruises assuredly. It has minimal

body lean and offers a suitably high level of adhesion. Through twisty roads it behaved itself in an agreeable manner, slipping along in its own lane. The steering is responsive and the brakes do an adequate job for the weight and balance of the car.

The optional anti-lock brakes are well worth the extra dollars. Should you buy these you need to understand how they are used.

ABS brakes need to be pressed hard and fast, not pumped. They do that themselves so hopefully you can steer around an accident.

Standard fitments are extensive. The list includes power steering with the well engineered shifter for the five-speed transaxle, an adjustable steering column, a stereo radio, a stainless steel exhaust, lubed-for-life suspension, onboard diagnostic systems, a headlamp flasher, an instrument package and passive seat belts.

GM holds high hopes for Saturn by offering satellite showrooms and Saturn-only franchises. Saturn is built with some of the world's best technology in a new plant with a carefully trained workforce.

The Saturn certainly offers style with build quality, enough performance, handling, safety and ease of use. Consumer's Guide rates the sedan and wagon as "Recommended" which is quite a good commendation and, with its \$12,000 base price, the Saturn series is one of the best compact car values on the market right now.

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